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TO THE MEMORY OF MY MOTHER

CLARISSA LAWRENCE STARKEY

WIFE OF THOMAS CRANE

OF

QUINCY, MASS., NEW YORK CITY

AND STAMFORD, CONN.



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## PREFACE

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AFTER the principal lines in the Starkey and Lawrence families were outlined in a previous monograph the study was continued and many errors were corrected by comparison with town books, family letters, and other data. That led to the study of other maternal lines which were traced upward to earliest members, so developing some immigrant ancestors who had been amongst the first to take an active part in organizing and framing the first colonial laws; others had been pioneers in founding a settlement on the Bay Path, braving the depths of the virgin forests that lined western Massachusetts, erecting garrisons, and fighting the Indians who, desperate, strove to retain their inherited hunting grounds; others, still, plodded away from the almost monotonous plains of Bristol County to unite with a small band of their intimates and neighbors in toiling up the heights that fenced southern New Hamp-

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shire to create homes among the rugged hill slopes and valleys.

From Troy, one of the sightliest of these hill towns in Cheshire County, Clarissa Lawrence Starkey, upon her marriage with Thomas Crane, was led down to the riverside city of New York for her first home making. With him, she aided in forming and perfecting their fine estate on Long Island Sound, converting "Rock Acre" into one of the beautiful places which lie in the quiet town of Stamford, Connecticut.

After many long years of fruitful life, during which she journeyed through the other states, upon the decease of her husband, Mrs. Crane, with her two surviving sons, caused to be planned and erected in her husband's native city of Quincy, Massachusetts, one of Richardson's artistic libraries, which is surrounded by a slope of richest greensward.

As a misunderstanding was suggested in data herein recorded, we would add that since the year began on March 15, then, on March 25, until 1752, that made February the twelfth month, or the last of the year.

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AT THE FUNERAL OF MRS. THOMAS CRANE

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ONE of our most loved and revered poets describes himself in old age as standing beside a massive gateway built up in the years gone by, upon whose top the clouds lie in eternal shadows. While the evening sunshine streams on quiet wood and lea, he stands and calmly waits "till the hinges turn for him." During his long life he has seen the gateway afar off and known that each day he was coming nearer to it. But now he has approached its threshold and waits for the divine call to pass over. While he waits he sees the aged, with tasks all done and weary step, go through the open portals. Youth with life's joys unfathomed, its victories unwon, disappear in the cloud, and sometimes the little feet of infants mark the dust along the way. At last, he also was missed in the accustomed places. He had joined the great throng moving to God and had passed

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within the open gates to the glory of the eternal home.

There is much in the experience of Bryant's last days that reminds us of the life of our honored friend whose loss we mourn to-day. She whose body lies before us in quiet beauty lived fourscore years and more. Many years ago her husband, to whom she was bound by strong cords of affection, was taken from her by death. One by one her children have passed away until but a single son of a numerous family remains to do her honor. There is something pathetic in old age. Its loneliness is so great. The companions of early days pass away until all the old associations are broken and the whole face of the world seems altered. The majority is in heaven, old faces are no longer seen, the touch of a familiar hand is missed, and the silence of the chamber and the street is oppressive. Such must have been the last years to our friend. She waited so long at the shadowed gateway that the summons to enter was a glad one. While, therefore, we come here to-day with a keen sense of personal grief and loss, there is, also, in our hearts a feeling of solemn joy that after so long and useful a life, old age has changed to eternal youth and loneliness to heavenly companionship.

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Before we place in tender mother earth all that is mortal, it seems fitting to review simply and briefly a career that has been marked by unusual strength and worth. Undue exaggerated praise would be as distasteful to her who is gone as it is to every modest and unobtrusive nature. But when a character has been wrought out in our midst which embodies so much of womanly grace and Christian faith, it becomes our duty to apply the lessons it teaches to our own lives for our comfort and inspiration.

Mrs. Thomas Crane will always be specially remembered and honored in her home life. As wife, mother, and friend, she was known for her strength of mind, keenness of judgment, and absolute faithfulness. Who can measure the force of the domestic affections and service? It seems almost sacrilegious to speak of the love and constancy of the wife, the tenderness and patience of the mother. Through the long years the husband and wife grew closer and closer to one another until the two lives became one. Her children rose up to call her blessed and her friends rejoiced in her helpful spirit. In all the qualities of life that add strength and beauty to the home, that nourish high ideals in the young, and that bring hope and faith to the world, this

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woman excelled. In addition to her wisdom of judgment and rare executive ability, she always exhibited a cheerful spirit. One could never meet her without being touched and brightened by her sunny manner and hopeful word. Those who knew her in the sacred relations of the home will always tenderly cherish her memory.

In addition to her work in private life, she touched public life at many points. She believed in the higher education and broader training of women. She wished to increase the self-reliance and opportunities of her sex. For this reason, as well as the result of her intellectual interests, she associated herself with Sorosis, the first woman's club formed for mutual improvement, an organization that has made a very real contribution to the higher life of the community. She took the wider outlook and believed in and aided the advance made by woman in recent years in intellectual and social life. But nothing appealed to her generous nature with more force than the philanthropic institutions which have been established for the education of the people and the amelioration of the suffering poor. She was never happy unless she was adding to the joy of living. Societies for the prevention of cruelty to children, for giving sight to the

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blind, for making the lame walk, for the treatment of chronic invalids, in a word, all the complex charities of our modern civilization, interested her and many received substantial aid from her generous gifts. "Freely she had received, freely she gave." But it is probable that no benevolent work commanded more undivided love and service than that of the Chapin Home for the Aged and Infirm. This was due partly to the fact that this Home is the memorial to one of the most eloquent preachers and noblest men the world has known, but more because it gave a refuge to those who, in the time of old age and after lives of active labor, found themselves alone in the world, without the means of support and the ministrations of relatives and friends. The loneliness of these aged people and their need of recognition and considerate care seemed to appeal to her with more force as her own years increased and she was left more and more alone. For a long time she was an officer in the Home and one of its most active and generous supporters. How many times we have seen her on public occasions, her face all aglow with the interests she felt in this beneficent institution, moving about from one room to another, extending her hand in welcome and good cheer to the aged inmates.

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It would be impossible to recount her public and private charities and measure the happiness she has given. As the weakness of old age increased, one of her chief regrets was that she could no longer give her personal attention to these great works.

The inspiration and crown of our friend's life were found in her religious faith. She was eminently a religious woman. Christian ideals to her afforded the highest and happiest ends of life. She believed in God as the Universal Father, in the universal brotherhood of man, and the final triumph of good over evil. In a word, she was a Universalist. But she accepted this faith, not late in life when it became popular, but in the early days when a Universalist was looked upon with contempt. With her husband, in this church during the ministry of its former great preacher, she was one of the most devout worshipers and active workers, by her constant presence encouraging and her generous gifts aiding every worthy enterprise. To her, religion was not simply the profession of a creed but the embodiment of that creed in life. The supreme test of Christian discipleship was announced by Christ when he said, "Inasmuch as ye have done the humblest deeds of kindness to

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the least of my brethren ye have done them unto me." Those who render such service, such, he declares, are accepted in my kingdom. Practical religion always commanded the admiration and obedience of this true woman. The faithful wife, the unselfish mother, the loyal friend, the generous benefactor, the humble and hopeful Christian disciple has gone. We cannot ask that she should be given back to us. The time has come when death is a blessed consummation. When pain makes way for peace, loneliness for glad reunion, life for immortality, can we do otherwise than say, "It is best that our beloved friend should go"? In spite, then, of the grief, there is a holy joy in our hearts. We will remember all the strength and nobility of our friend's life and seek to imitate her qualities of mind and heart. She has gone from darkness to light, from lower to higher knowledge, from imperfection toward perfection. She loves us still and, by spiritual means which we do not altogether understand, may uplift and bless us. Let us be grateful for so long and true a life and wait in faith that day when we, also, shall pass through the gates into "the Father's house of many mansions."

REV. CHARLES H. EATON.

*New York City.*



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**T**HIS surname sprang from the words “stark—starkey (stark-naked), meaning stripped for battle, made strong as David was when he threw off his armor. When men did so, they were called by the Saxons ‘bold.’” (*Family Names*, by Harry Alfred Long.)

“This name is principally represented in the Burnly district of Lancashire, whose families have not wandered far from their ancient home.” (*Our English Surnames*, by C. W. Bardsley, p. 411.)

“Our Starks and Starkie represent a word which can hardly be said to exist in our vocabulary; a forcible word, it once expressed the rude untutored nature of anything (stark).”

“Starkie, Old English ‘stout,’ ‘strong,’ ‘unyielding’; in the French it is ‘Staquet’; in the Dutch, ‘Stark,’ ‘Starck.’”

“This surname, signifying strength (stark), is one of great antiquity in the English counties

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of Lancashire and Cheshire. In the form of Starkie it was held in Cheshire as early as the time of Geoffery Starkie of Barenton in 1343, its families growing more numerous under the reign of Henry VII. As Starkey, it was at Huntroyd and Aughton in 1567 and onwards, each family carrying as a crest a stork." (*Local Gleanings in Lancashire and Cheshire*, v. 2, p. 582.)

In the Massachusetts Bay Colony, in the early years, there were several persons bearing this cognomen. There was one Captain William Starkey in Lynn in 1641. A Robert Starkey was resident of Concord, whose inventory was taken at Boston, 28, 8, 1646, by Captain Willard, Joseph Wheeler, and Richard Lettin, but this Robert Starkey does not appear to have had any connections in Concord at that time.

Then there was George Starkey or Starkie, of whom Savage says he may have been of Lynn or Malden. He was of Harvard College in 1646. All that is known of him was his experience in London, where he sent his servant at the time of the Great Plague, "having made himself acquainted with medicine," as is related in the letters of Allen, "for the credit of Harvard College (new born), at Cambridge, New England.

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The metropolis of his native land was indebted in its most dismal visitation to a graduate of its second year (Allen, 1643), and to another of its fifth year, of bestowing such honours when the time-honoured university so many thousand miles nearer perhaps gave far less of educated skill to her relief." (Sibley's *Harvard Graduates*, v. 1, pp. 136-7.)

Then there was one Robert Starkey, a mariner of Boston, whose house stood on land owned by Rev. Increase Mather and adjacent to the minister's own house. He was a member of the Scots' Charitable Society, the earliest ever framed at Boston, which was gathered to aid the unfortunate prisoners taken at the battle of Dunbar and sent over to be sold for a stated length of time, whom the society voted to meet as soon as they should land, to give what succor they might need. Robert Starkey's will was drawn in 1705, and his only son, Robert, junior, succeeded his father, who was himself a printer and publisher on Fleet Street, Boston. With this son, the name became extinct in the male line.

Then there was the man with whose history and descendants we are chiefly concerned, John Starkey, the immigrant ancestor. One of the

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descendants of the present day states that in his family the name was always written Starkie; still another descendant says his family tradition was that one of their ancestors came from Standish, Lancashire, England, which was a region of weavers, and, though this connection has yet to be established, it is rendered very likely, as this first John Starkey ranked himself as a weaver in his early land transactions, and there "have been a large number of families in Lancashire who have, for generations, carried the given names of John, Thomas, William, and George." (*English Surnames*, p. 411, *et sup.*)

The first record of John<sup>1</sup> Starkey on Boston books was when his son, John,<sup>2</sup> was born in 1667. In accord with one of the very earliest-framed laws of the Colony, every proposed settler must sign as a member of the church and possess a certain fixed sum of money for a capital before he could be allowed to hold any civic office or have his children baptized, an indispensable rite at that period. As all the children who were carried to the First Church at Boston were baptized as children "of Sister Starkey" (also written Starkie), it shows that the father had not yet even signed the "Half-Way Covenant" that had

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been framed to pave the way for those who would not make themselves full members.

He first bought a small house at the north end of Boston, where he established his weaving frames. Soon after the birth of the fifth child entered on Boston records, "John Starkey was cited by Thomas Lynde, constable at Mystic Side, Charlestown, to appear with others to take the Freeman's oath in 2d, 10th, 1674. These persons then appeared at Court (in Malden) and were sworn in 15, 10, 1674." (*Massachusetts Bay Colony.*)

April 8, 1674, John Starkey, with his wife, Mrs. Sarah Starkey, signing her dower rights, took a mortgage deed from Samuel Brackenbury, "phisitian," for land at Malden. From the first he seemed fully beset with the fever for accumulation of land that fired the ambition of all our early colonial fathers, as, on May 27, 1674, together with twenty-nine of the inhabitants of Malden, he signed a petition sent to the Great and General Court of the Massachusetts Bay Colony for a new grant of land in a plantation at Quinsigamond (now Worcester). As this petition was granted, he seemed ready to take advantage of it and actually began to work upon it; but even if he did go to the plantation, he

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must have returned to Malden, as, on October 11, 1675, Samuel Brackenbury, physician, for sixty pounds, sold to John Starkey, weaver, one half of a house, a barn that stood on land owned by the children of Mary Ridgeway in Malden, together with a passageway, garden, orchard, pasture, plow land; in all, seven acres of land, with two acres of salt marsh. (*Middlesex County Deeds*, v. 6, p. 124.)

In that deed John Ridgeway gave his residence as at Pemaquid, Maine. November 11, 1676, John Ridgeway, senior, with his son, John Ridgeway, junior, of Mystic Side, Malden, in consideration of a new frame for a house, with six pounds in money, sold to John Starkey, clothier, of Malden, one half of a barn and two acres of land. November 26, 1677, Elizabeth Hayden sold a lot of land in Charlestown, on the Mystic Side, near Malden, by the Penny Ferry, to John Starkey.

October 2, 1678, Elizabeth Dickerman, servant to John Starkey, appeared before the General Court, where she was "convicted of setting her master's house afire and meditated and contrived to put copperas into ye victuals of her fellow servants."

The last deed given by John Starkey while yet

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at Malden was dated 17, 10, 1679, when he purchased three acres of land from Robert Cawley; he acknowledged this deed in 1682. Soon after that date he appeared at one of the seacoast towns of Maine, to which his attention was undoubtedly attracted by his connection with the Ridgeways. The elder Ridgeway, following his profession as a seaman and fisherman, frequently voyaged to Pemaquid and New Harbour and must have attracted John Starkey by his report of the great value of the fisheries and immense tracts of lumber. After this follows the next item of consequence: "To his Excellency, Edmond Andros, John Starkey's pettcon Whereas ye Pettconer being an inhabitant of New Harbour and having a patent for a tract of land—and the conveniency of meadow or marsh where it might be found convenient your Excellency's Pettconer being much straightened for room for his cattle was first to look out where he could find any marsh that was not taken up nor laid down to any person—and he found two small parcels, ye one lying and being at a place called Pancake Hill, about six acres, ye other at Coxes his meadow about six acres, more or less, the marsh—by the Petconers request to Captain Amos Andros was

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granted yt it should be laid out—by a surveyor your Excellencys Pettconer therefore humbly prays that his marsh may be laid out by some surveyor of your Excellencys appointment.” (*Court Records*, vol. 123, p. 210, undated.)

On May 11, 1689, eight of the inhabitants of Pemaquid, Maine, sent a petition to the General Court of Massachusetts Bay, under whose jurisdiction the whole province of Maine was then held, that Lieutenant James Weems might be left in command of the Fort standing at Pemaquid Point. These were Jhn. —, Dennis —, Elihu Gunnison, Alx. Woodrop, George Jackson, John Bullock, Jonas Bogardus, John Starkey.

The bay-indented coast of Maine was a resort for British ships as early as 1605, and about this time Captain George Weymouth, in command of the English ship, the “Archangel,” anchored at this port, where he was cordially welcomed and well treated by the Indian owners. When he again sailed he carried off five of the savages. This outrage roused a strong feeling against him and gave birth to a spirit of resentment which was to bear horrible results thereafter.

The peninsula of Pemaquid Point embraces two out of three of the natural divisions of the

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town of Bristol, which is bounded on the north by the town of Damariscotta, on the east and south by Broad Bay Sound, John's Bay and River, and the Atlantic Ocean, on the west by the Damariscotta River. The lower section of this place is divided into three parts, consisting of high ridges of land lying between John's River on the west and Pemaquid River on the east. On the outer harbor to the eastward lies the village of Pemaquid, west of which, then a mere footpath running through dense woods, is a road connecting it with the town of New Harbour, lying almost at the mouth of the Penobscot River by the Island of Monhegan, most conveniently situated for promoting the then most important traffic of the province of Maine, its fisheries and cutting of lumber. Near Pemaquid Point a fort was early erected for the safety of its few scattered settlers, called Shurt's Fort. This was in good condition from 1642 until 1676; then, it having fallen into ruins, Fort Charles was built under the jurisdiction of Sir Edmund Andros, then governor.

Up to August, 1689, there had been no open warfare between the French and English, but then Baron Castine, whose residence at Castine, Maine, had been sacked by Andros' order, in

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revenge for this secretly stirred the Indians against the settlers. As a result of his machinations a band of the Penobscot Indians, headed by the sachem, Moxos, landed at New Harbour, on the opposite side from the Fort, from which they were concealed by the heavy forests that covered all the land about, pierced only by footpaths. Just at this time "one Starkey, an Englishman, made his way from the Fort to New Harbour." The stealthy Indians, in a band of one hundred men, Moxos at the head, surprised Starkey and captured him, promising to set him at liberty if he would reveal the condition of affairs at the Fort. A helpless captive, one against a hundred, he could do naught but say what they demanded, and they then learned that there were but few men in the Fort. There "were no scouts out; Mr. Giles, with fourteen men, had gone to his farm at some distance and the rest were scattered abroad on their occasions." Upon this information the savages divided their number; one part made their secret way up the Falls, fell upon and killed Mr. Giles and his companions; the other band crept through the woods and climbed the rocks which overhung the Fort. No one was on guard, as they flung themselves down and "grievously

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gauled the defendants." Captain Weems, in command, had his face horribly scorched at the very beginning of the assault, by an accidental discharge of gunpowder. "Captain Skynner and Captain Farnham, as they were going towards the Fort from an island about half a mile distant, were attacked and slain, as was Captain Robert Pattishall, who owned and commanded a sloop which voyaged between Boston and the Maine coast. Night descending, the assault halted only to be renewed with fresh fury as day dawned. After a desperate resistance, over-powered by superior numbers, Captain Weems proposed terms of capitulation. These included the safety of all those in the Fort, as what few settlers had been aroused by the attack had taken refuge in the garrison, together with three English captains who were lately escaped from the Indians." The captains came out with fourteen men, some women and children, all with packs on their backs, as they were allowed to take with them what they could carry in their hands, and to depart in Captain Pateshall's sloop, which had also been seized by the savages. These persons sailed for Boston, but all the people of the village who were outside of the Fort at this time were forced to go with the Indians up the Penob-

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scot, some in canoes, the others in two other sloops which had been seized, "these last bands numbering about fifty persons." (Mather's *Magnalia*, vol. 2, pp. 590 *et seq.*)

Mather makes the time of this attack to have been on August 2, 1689, but Captain Weems says in his petition to Lord Bellamont for the back pay of his soldiers, that the surrender was on August 13, 1689, and reckoned the pay up to that date. This petition was presented by Captain Weems several years later, and at a time when he was residing in New York and sent repeated petitions for the delayed payment for himself and his men for their services in the Fort.

What John Starkey's fate was has never been revealed. Not a single fact has as yet rewarded a long and exhaustive search in all attainable archives, but it seems obvious that he must have been slain, either at the time he was surrounded by the Penobscots or during the attack at the Fort. Whether all his family were at the Fort or still in their home, whether his wife and six children were among those who were permitted to carry away their few effects to the sloop, or whether one or more of the children had been left with friends in Malden while the parents were founding the new home in the wilds of

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Maine is hidden from our knowledge, but, since Tryall Newbury as attorney in Malden, in behalf of the heirs of John Starkey, claimed one hundred and four acres of land lying within the bounds of Jamestown, on Pemaquid Neck, beginning at a certain run north of Richard Murren's house, together with twenty acres of meadow, as was shown by John Starkey's patent under Governor Dungan of New York to Richard Murren, which patent was dated September 3, 1686, we are assured that more than one of John Starkey's family escaped or was safely housed in Malden at this disastrous time. This land was claimed by Tryall Newbury as "butted in part by land owned by William Case." In the records of Charlestown, Massachusetts, is the marriage of William Case, January 28, 1685/6, to Mary Starkey; but this time was too early for this Mary to have been a daughter of John Starkey, as his own daughter, Mary, was baptized April 1, 1671, but the latter Mary may have been a sister of John, as this record of William Case living at Pemaquid suggests, and they may have been incited to follow their brother to Maine.

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JOHN<sup>1</sup> AND SARAH STARKEY HAD CHILDREN,

- I. JOHN<sup>2</sup> STARKEY, born at Boston, September 23, 1667,
- II. MARY<sup>2</sup> STARKEY, born in 1669, died young,
- III. SARAH<sup>2</sup> STARKEY, born April 10, 1671, died young,
- IV. EXPERIENCE<sup>2</sup> STARKEY, born February 3, 1672,
- V. MARY<sup>2</sup> "of Sister Starkie, baptized in the First Church of Boston,"
- VI. SARAI<sup>2</sup> "of Sister Starkie baptized 29d. 10m. 1672,"
- VII. MARTHA<sup>2</sup> STARKEY, born March 25, 1674,
- VIII. ANDREW<sup>2</sup> STARKEY, probably born at Malden.

(*Boston Town Records*, pp. 105, 120, 124, 126, 134, 135.)

The next link in this history was found in a deed which is on record at Bristol County, Massachusetts, wherein Andrew<sup>2</sup> Starkey of Attleboro', Bristol County, on December 19, 1716, sold to James White of Attleboro' "all the lands lying at Pemaquid, Maine, adjoining a place called New Harbour, in the eastwards parts of New England, one hundred and four acres of land, with twenty acres of meadow land, lately belonging to my honoured father, John<sup>1</sup> Starkey, deceased." Since this Andrew Starkey claims in his own right alone the acres which we have seen were held by his father, he, the youngest of the family, claiming as his sole right, without reference to any other heirs, and without any

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assignment of rights which would naturally be entered were the eldest son, John,<sup>2</sup> or any other child yet living, it seems to prove that all the others had died. As this youngest child must have been an infant when the family started to make a new home in the wilderness, it is most likely that he was confided to the care of some Malden friends, where he grew to man's estate and where he appears to have resided for some time before his marriage, as well as afterwards.

Other deeds prove that he thought of settling in eastern Connecticut a short while before his final arrangement in Attleboro'. This town was set off as Rehoboth North Purchase, having been bought by Captain Thomas Willett of Plymouth, Massachusetts, from the Indian sachem, Wamsutta, of Pokonaokett, on April 8, 1661. That tract embraced what now is Rehoboth, Cumberland, a tract of land a mile and a half square extending east and west, which was, later, annexed to Rehoboth as an enlargement of that town, with a part of Mansfield and Norton; the part which was first added to Rehoboth was joined to Attleboro'.

The present town of Attleboro' is a rather low-lying, flat district, with a few small hills across

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the horizon line. From its very beginning it has been given over to manufactures and is now the center for cutlery and jewelers' works. Its pioneer settler was John Woodcock, who had previously joined the Springfield (Mass.) colony. The country between these two places was one vast, unbroken forest. Together with his stalwart sons he hewed his toilsome way through the woods and set at work to clear some three hundred acres for his homestead farm, with the Bay Path in its midst, then just a way that had been trampled down by the Indians as they wandered down to Connecticut, soon followed by the "newcomers" as the easiest and most direct path as they went from Watertown and Cambridge to create new towns "below the line."

With the aid of his sons, John Woodcock erected a strong and substantial garrison house, hewing out the timbers from the mighty trees that grew all about the place, and planned it so largely that it served not only for his own and his sons' families, but also as a tavern, the only shelter offered to wayfarers between Springfield on the one side and Hartford on the other, as a place for religious worship and as a fortification and a refuge for other settlers during the constant raids. "Woodcock's Garrison was a well-

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known place for rendezvous during the Indian wars and was one of a chain of fortifications extending from Boston to Rhode Island." On July 5, 1670, the General Court at Plymouth, Massachusetts, in which county Rehoboth was first enrolled, in reply to a petition from John Woodcock "allowed him to keep an ordinary at Ten Mile river." This was the first public house on the Bay Path and was kept as such from 1670 until 1833. When it was finally torn down its mighty timbers were found to be just as sound as when they were rough hewn from the monarchs of the adjacent wild woods.

In May, 1676, the Indians fell upon Wrentham, near Boston, slaughtering, pillaging, and burning as they rioted onwards. Laying waste the places, they made their revengeful way across country, until they reached the thickets near Rehoboth, creeping stealthily through until they spied some of the sons of John Woodcock working in the fields. Rushing upon them, the Indians killed one, wounded another, and set fire to the house of one of the sons. The workmen fled to the garrison, leaving the dead and wounded on the field. To gratify a spite held against the family, the savages cut off the head of one of the sons and stuck it up on a stick on

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a hill, full in view of the garrison. His enraged father buried the body just where he fell and dedicated that ground to future burial purposes, vowing to take terrible vengeance on his merciless foes.

“Numerous were the encounters that father had with the Indians and many were the wounds he himself received, since his dead body revealed incontestable proof in the scars of seven bullet holes. So inveterate did his hate become and so terribly was his anger stirred against his son’s slayers that the white man’s law of the land had to be resorted to for the protection of the red heathen against the even more savage practice of the white Christian. The Court records that John Woodcock of Rehoboth, for going into an Indian house and taking away an Indian child and some of his goods in lieu of payment for a debt owed by this Indian, was sentenced to sit in the stocks at Rehoboth on a training day and to pay a fine of forty shillings.” (General Pierce in *History of Bristol County*, pp. 20, 21.

So runs the story of one of the earliest ancestors in the Starkey line. Despite his fierce and warlike spirit, John Woodcock lived to advanced years and died quietly in his bed on October 20, 1701.

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Some twelve years after the decease of John Woodcock, his son-in-law, Andrew<sup>2</sup> Starkey, was recorded as at Hebron, New London County, Connecticut. How long he remained there the records do not show, but it was there that, in 1713, he registered a deed of a purchase of fifty-six acres of land at the North Purchase of Rehoboth, Bristol County, Massachusetts, from John Goth of Attleboro'. From that time Andrew<sup>2</sup> Starkey always signed his residence as of Attleboro'. In 1714 he added five more acres to his holdings. In 1715 his wife, Mrs. Mehitable Starkey, signing away her dower right, he made over to Alexander Balcom a lot of land which the said Alexander had previously received from Joseph Hopkins of Providence, Rhode Island. Another purchase of land was made in 1724. In 1726 he paid one hundred and sixty pounds for a house and lands. April 19, 1740, he, signing as a cordwainer, bought sixty-three acres of land at Norton, for which he paid two hundred and twenty-two pounds, thus adding largely to his landed possessions as the years passed over his head.

The inventory of his estate was rendered October 24, 1740, by his widow, Mrs. Mehitable Starkey, and his son, Nathaniel.<sup>3</sup> Among other

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effects were books to the value of thirteen pounds, a sawmill, a grist mill, a house with sixty-three acres of land at Norton, another house with two hundred and ten acres of land at Attleboro' and estate at Wrentham, and other items were nineteen pairs of gloves. The whole inventory amounted to nineteen hundred pounds, seven shillings, and twopence, a large return for those days.

ANDREW<sup>2</sup> STARKEY married at Malden (1) in 1708 Mehitable, daughter of Samuel and Mehitable (Buckname) Waite. She was born at Malden, December 22, 1686; died at Attleboro' in 1717. He married (2) at Attleboro', February 2, 1717, Katherine, daughter of Alexander and Sarah (Woodcock) Balcom. She was born at Attleboro', February 7, 1694; he died there in 1740.

### CHILDREN BY THE FIRST WIFE,

- I. MEHITABLE<sup>3</sup> STARKEY, born at Malden in 1708, married July 17, 1730, William, son of John and Ruth (Edwards) Waite, her mother's nephew, and died at Malden, childless, March 23, 1773; he died June 24, 1750,
- II. JOHN<sup>3</sup> STARKEY, born July, 1712,

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### CHILDREN BY THE SECOND WIFE,

- III. JASON<sup>3</sup> STARKEY, born December 12, 1717, probably died in childhood,
- IV. JEMIMA<sup>3</sup> STARKEY, born April 11, 1722, married Elijah Farrington of Wrentham, Mass. With her husband she gave a deed dated June 14, 1755, to her brother, Andrew<sup>3</sup> Starkey, for a "certain parcel of land at Attleboro', that being one sixth part of the widow Katherine Starkey's dower right, for her one third part in the estate of late deceased husband, Andrew<sup>2</sup> Starkey, together with all the buildings thereon, I the said Elijah Farrington with Jemima<sup>3</sup> my wife in her right as one of the daughters of the said Andrew<sup>2</sup> Starkey." This deed was signed August 18, 1758,
- v. ANDREW<sup>3</sup> STARKEY, junior, born March 13, 1726/7, married Sybil Fisher,
- VI. THOMAS<sup>3</sup> STARKEY, born May 22, 1733.

JOHN<sup>3</sup> STARKEY, son of Andrew<sup>2</sup> (John<sup>1</sup>) and Mehitable (Waite) Starkey, was born at Attleboro', July, 1712. In the partition of his father's estate, as the eldest son, he received as his part the homestead with its surrounding lands. June 17, 1727, he gave a deed of the lands lying contiguous to those possessed by his mother as her thirds to his brother, Andrew,<sup>3</sup> consisting of sixty acres lying in that part of Attleboro' adjacent to Norton and partly in the latter town.

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John<sup>3</sup> Starkey married (1) in Attleboro', February 2, 1734, Amy, daughter of Captain Joseph and Judith (Peck) Capron. She was born at Attleboro', July 15, 1715; died —. He married (2) in Troy, New Hampshire, Mrs. Sawyer, widow of Caleb Sawyer of Swanzey; he died at Troy, March 10, 1772.

### CHILDREN BY THE FIRST WIFE,

- I. JOHN<sup>4</sup> STARKEY, born in Attleboro', March 6, 1736/7, died October 29, 1739,
- II. LOIS<sup>4</sup> STARKEY, born November 24, 1739, married June 28, 1774, James Walker, and resided at Richmond, New Hampshire, where she died in 1810; they had Children,
  - (1) A child,<sup>5</sup> born and died in 1776,
  - (2) A child,<sup>5</sup> who died December 20, 1786,
  - (3) JAMES<sup>5</sup> WALKER,
- III. NATHAN<sup>4</sup> STARKEY, born in Attleboro' in 1741, removed to Troy,
- IV. WILLIAM<sup>4</sup> STARKEY, born in 1742, married Sarah Martin,
- V. PETER<sup>4</sup> STARKEY, who married Lona Grosvenor,
- VI. MEHITABLE<sup>4</sup> STARKEY, who married at Attleboro', November 12, 1768, Nehemiah, son of Noah and Hannah (French) Claflin; he was born in Attleboro', January 10, 1745, died there January 5, 1820; she died there June 4, 1840; they had Children,

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- (1) CYNTHIA<sup>5</sup> CLAFLIN, born January 2, 1772,
- (2) NEHEMIAH<sup>5</sup> CLAFLIN, born May 12, 1774,
- (3) SYLVESTER<sup>5</sup> CLAFLIN, born July 22, 1776,
- (4) MARY<sup>5</sup> CLAFLIN,

- VII. JOHN<sup>4</sup> STARKEY, junior, born March 13, 1745/6, married Mary Godding,
- VIII. ENOCH<sup>4</sup> STARKEY, born June 29, 1748, married Betsey Blackinton,
- IX. CHLOE<sup>4</sup> STARKEY, who probably died before her father removed from Attleboro',
- X. BENJAMIN<sup>4</sup> STARKEY, who never married but went to Troy, where he resided with his brother, and died at Troy,
- XI. JOSEPH<sup>4</sup> STARKEY, who married in Troy, June 23, 1778, Waitstill Morse. (*History of Troy*, pp. 518, 519.)

ANDREW<sup>3</sup> STARKEY, son of Andrew<sup>2</sup> (John<sup>1</sup>) and Katherine (Balcom) Starkey, was born at Attleboro', March 13, 1726. At the time of the settlement of his father's estate, his portion was a lot of sixty acres of land in Taunton North Purchase, then comprising that part of Taunton which was, later, incorporated as Norton, Mansfield, and Easton, and included the homestead where he resided and where he drew his will, June 14, 1780, which was probated March 5, 1799; in that he mentioned his wife, Mrs. Sybil Starkey; his daughter, Sybil<sup>4</sup> Norton; his sons,

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Amos,<sup>4</sup> Andrew,<sup>4</sup> and his daughters, Mercy,<sup>4</sup> Deborah,<sup>4</sup> and Eleanor.<sup>4</sup>

He published his marriage intention at Attleboro', March 8, 1748, to Sybil, daughter of Nathaniel and Deborah Fisher. She was born at Norton, June 26, 1726; died at Attleboro', —; he died there December 31, 1798. (*Norton Births*, etc., p. 315.)

### THEY HAD CHILDREN,

- I. AMOS<sup>4</sup> STARKEY, born —, married Miriam Thomas,
- II. SYBIL<sup>4</sup> STARKEY, who married — Norton; they had Children,
  - (1) ASA<sup>5</sup> NORTON,
  - (2) ABEL<sup>5</sup> NORTON,
  - (3) HARMON<sup>5</sup> NORTON,
  - (4) SILAS<sup>5</sup> NORTON,
  - (5) WARREN<sup>5</sup> NORTON,
- III. ANDREW<sup>4</sup> STARKEY, third,
- IV. MERCY<sup>4</sup> STARKEY, born September, 1757, married (1) — Babcock, he died; she married (2), October 1, 1800, Josiah, son of Deacon Joshua and Margaret (Avery) Everett; he was born June 6, 1743, died in 1803; as his widow she died January 10 (11), 1851; Child by her first husband,
  - (1) DANIEL<sup>5</sup> BABCOCK, born in 1782, died in 1873.
- V. DEBORAH<sup>4</sup> STARKEY, who remained unmarried. Her will was drawn September 26, 1848, pro-

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bated December 4, 1849; in that she stated she was advanced in years; gave six hundred dollars for the poor of Attleboro' on the condition that this "was not for those who became so through their own vices"; gave four hundred dollars to the deacons of the First Church of Attleboro' to expend for the good of the church; gave her sister, Mrs. Mercy<sup>4</sup> Everett, "all the notes I hold against her son, Daniel<sup>5</sup> Babcock," gave the heirs of Amos<sup>4</sup> Starkey, deceased, "all the notes I hold against them," and bequeathed "her then residence" to Mrs Eunice, wife of George Foster of Attleboro',

VI. ELEANOR<sup>4</sup> STARKEY, who also remained unmarried and lived with her sister Deborah. Her will was drawn October 6, 1820, and was carried to probate June 5, 1828; her only bequest was "her part of the house in which they dwelt was to go to her sister Deborah." (*Bristol County Probate*, vols. 36, 58, pp. 73, 197.)

THOMAS<sup>3</sup> STARKEY, son of Andrew<sup>2</sup> (John<sup>1</sup>) and Katherine (Balcom) Starkey, was born May 22, 1733. As a minor, in 1748, under the guardianship of Thomas Fisher, he received from his father's estate that part which had been set off to his sister, Mehitable<sup>3</sup> Waite. January 7, 1778, Mrs. Rebecca, wife of Thomas<sup>3</sup> Starkey, gave a deed for her share in the estate of her grandfather, Banfield Balcom. July 27, 1794,

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Thomas<sup>3</sup> Starkey, with his son, Thomas,<sup>4</sup> gave a deed to Moses Starkey, housewright, of Winslow, Maine, of a right to a certain dwelling house which had lately been built by the son Thomas. On the same date, Thomas,<sup>3</sup> the father, made a deed of gift to his son, Moses<sup>4</sup> Starkey, of one half of his own holdings, reserving "the great room in their dwelling for the use of his wife, his son, Moses, to take one entire half of all the estate if he would bind himself to give them (his parents) one half of all the produce of all kinds, pay one half of all taxes, keep the stock at equal rates, care for his parents during the remainder of their natural lives, and not make strif nor stirr, he to begin the bargain on the next April, 1795." As this involved the son's leaving his settlement at Winslow, or Vassalboro', where he was engaged in his trade as a housewright, the contract became void. The father rescinded his proposition and went on in the management of his farm. (*Bristol County Deeds*, vols. 67, 73, pp. 427, 109.)

Thomas<sup>3</sup> Starkey published his marriage intention August 30, 1755, to Rebecca, daughter of Jonathan and Rebecca (Morse) Capron. She was born at Attleboro', February 1, 1734.

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### THEY HAD CHILDREN.

- I. REBECCA<sup>4</sup> STARKEY, born November 18, 1756,
- II. CHLOE<sup>4</sup> STARKEY, born August 6, 1757, died October 28, 1758,
- III. THOMAS<sup>4</sup> STARKEY, born November 25, 1759, married Irene Pond, resided in Troy, New Hampshire,
- IV. OLIVER<sup>4</sup> STARKEY, born June 18, 1762,
- V. CHLOE<sup>4</sup> STARKEY, born August 6, 1764, died October 22, 1798,
- VI. ABEL<sup>4</sup> STARKEY, born February 21, 1767,
- VII. MOSES<sup>4</sup> STARKEY, removed to Maine,
- VIII. OTIS<sup>4</sup> STARKEY,
- IX. JOHN<sup>4</sup> STARKEY,
- X. SALLY<sup>4</sup> STARKEY, called Sally Littlewood in the division of her father's estate.

WILLIAM<sup>4</sup> STARKEY, son of John<sup>3</sup> (Andrew,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) and Amy (Capron) Starkey, was born in 1741/2. He inherited one half of a house which stood on the home lot, forty acres of land adjoining, three acres of outlands, and three acres of land in Rehoboth. His estate was administered, 1788, by his widow, Mrs. Sarah Starkey. His inventory, made April 5, 1788, mentioned twenty-two acres of town land, eighteen of outland, one half of the homestead house, nine acres of other lands, and three acres in Rehoboth. After the death of his widow, the

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heirs petitioned for a division of her dower rights, September 6, 1833. These were Rhoda Fuller; the heirs of her deceased son, William Starkey; the heirs of her deceased son, Timothy Starkey, and the heirs of her daughter, Molly Bliss. These rights consisted of one half of the homestead and ten acres of lands lying in South Attleboro'.

William<sup>4</sup> Starkey married October 6, 1764, Sarah, daughter of Timothy and Mary (Fuller) Martin. She was born July 19, 1745; died in 1833. He died March 22, 1788, in his forty-sixth year.

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- I. WILLIAM<sup>5</sup> STARKEY, born October 21, 1765, married Naomi Martin,
- II. AMY<sup>5</sup> STARKEY, married —— Fuller,
- III. SARAH<sup>5</sup> STARKEY, born March 2, 1769, married at Rehoboth, as his first wife, January 8, 1792, Newman, son of Elisha, Jr., and Ruth (Thomas) Bliss; he was born at Rehoboth, December 5, 1766; removed to Savoy, Mass., where she died,
- IV. MARY<sup>5</sup> STARKEY, born April 1, 1771, married January 20, 1795, as his second wife, Newman Bliss, husband of her late deceased sister Sarah, and settled at Attleboro', where she died December 20, 1831; he died December 22, 1818; Children by the second wife,

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- (1) SALLY<sup>6</sup> BLISS, born September 26, 1795, married as his second wife, June 14, 1835, Sylvester Claflin; she died childless, April 7, 1861,
  - (2) WILLIAM<sup>6</sup> BLISS, born October 21, 1797, died February 21, 1803,
  - (3) NATHAN<sup>6</sup> HOLMAN BLISS, born May 5, 1800,
  - (4) MARY<sup>6</sup> BLISS, born June 7, 1803,
  - (5) NANCY<sup>6</sup> BLISS,
  - (6) MARY<sup>6</sup> ANN BLISS,
  - (7) WILLIAM<sup>6</sup> STARKEY BLISS,
- v. TIMOTHY<sup>5</sup> STARKEY, born May 3, 1773, married and died before his father,
- vi. ANNA<sup>5</sup> STARKEY, born June 7, 1776, was not mentioned in the division of her father's estate,
- vii. RHODA<sup>5</sup> STARKEY, born August 27, 1779, married Abiel Fuller.

JOHN<sup>4</sup> STARKEY, son of John<sup>3</sup> (Andrew,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) and Amy (Capron) Starkey, was born March 13, 1745/6. He was among the earliest of the pioneers from Attleboro' whose thoughts had been turned to the new lands offered in the tracts lying in the John Mason grants in New Hampshire, its southern part in the district bordering "the grand Monadnock mountain," at this period one vast stretch of unbroken forests dominated by the bald crown of Monadnock, from the rocky summit of which, rising over three thousand feet above sea level, there was an extensive view of swelling hills,

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falling to the river, with their lofty tree tops sheltering the plains below. Lured by the promise of such productive farm lands as they had seen lying along the Connecticut River banks, several families broke up their little homes and started for the region, struggling up the heights, through the dense woods, finding slopes rugged and barren, strewn with ledges of granite, many of which are, even up to this day, still lying in their original condition, yet untouched by plow or ax.

September 25, 1777, John<sup>4</sup> Starkey, registering as of Swanzey, New Hampshire, sold to his brother, Joseph<sup>4</sup> Starkey, lot No. 27, in the first range, in that part of the township formerly called Richmond, said land bounded in part by lots belonging to Enoch Starkey and John Follett. June 27, 1778, John<sup>4</sup> Starkey sold land in Swanzey to John Follett, which was bounded in part by Joseph<sup>4</sup> Starkey's land. June 3, 1779, he sold to his brother, Enoch<sup>4</sup> Starkey, lot No. 26, in the first range in Swanzey, lying by John Follett's possessions and those of John Starkey, junior, and Joseph Starkey. In 1782 he sold one hundred and fifty acres of land in Swanzey to Abraham Randall of Richmond.

John<sup>4</sup> Starkey married at Troy, Mary, daugh-

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ter of John and Rebecca (Sweetland) Godding. She was born at Attleboro', August 15, 1752. Soon after her father's death her mother, with her children, joined the pioneers at Richmond. John<sup>4</sup> Starkey died childless, and she married (2) Jacob Newell from Attleboro'.

ENOCH<sup>4</sup> STARKEY, son of John<sup>3</sup> (Andrew<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) and Amy (Capron) Starkey, was born at Attleboro', June 29, 1748. Early in 1776, with his brothers, he was one of the little band who labored through the dangers and difficulties of the rough country to begin the foundation of the young settlement. As they wound their toilsome way, they sought the easiest, least elevated paths, thereby laying out a route that curved about the base of the hills and wound about their valleys, and so formed a series of as picturesque drives as can be found in the finest New Hampshire places.

Together, the three brothers, John,<sup>4</sup> Enoch,<sup>4</sup> and Joseph,<sup>4</sup> became owners of lots 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29, in the first range of lots. In 1782, Enoch,<sup>4</sup> with his sister, Mary<sup>4</sup> Starkey, and brother, Joseph,<sup>4</sup> purchased lot No. 18, for which they paid five hundred pounds, in that section that is now the town of Richmond, Cheshire County, these lands lying in the second range.

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On February 23, 1782, he sold lots to his nephew, John<sup>5</sup> Starkey, junior, which were in the adjoining town of Swanzey. All the different parcels of land were so situated that they were, at different times, included in Troy, Richmond, or Swanzey, but his final registration was at Swanzey.

Before Enoch<sup>4</sup> Starkey started for his new home, he published his marriage intention at Attleboro', October 15, 1774, to Betsey (Elizabeth) Blackinton, daughter of George and Mary (Day) Blackinton, of the line of Pentecost Blackinton, from Marblehead, Mass. She was born at Attleboro', January 3, 1751; died at Swanzey, January 18, 1823. He died there June 18, 1821, and his estate was administered by his son, George<sup>5</sup> Starkey, June 4, 1824, and one of the legatees was his granddaughter, Clarissa<sup>6</sup> Starkey, then a girl of eleven years.

### THEY HAD CHILDREN,

- I. DAVID<sup>5</sup> STARKEY, who married March 23, 1797, Lavinia Woodcock,
- II. GEORGE<sup>5</sup> STARKEY, born at Attleboro' about 1775,
- III. SAMUEL<sup>5</sup> STARKEY, born at Swanzey, November 30, 1786, married Thankful Bolles,
- IV. LEVI<sup>5</sup> STARKEY, born March 2, 1790, married Hannah Holman,

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v. POLLY<sup>5</sup> STARKEY, born June 15, 1793, married John Tilden of Keene, Cheshire County; she died at Westmoreland, June 10, 1854, childless.

PETER<sup>4</sup> STARKEY, son of John<sup>3</sup> (Andrew,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) and Amy (Capron) Starkey, was born in Attleboro', at a date not recorded, but about the year 1745. He started for Cheshire County about 1776, just as the war of the Revolution was breaking out, and purchased a lot of land in that part of the township which was soon incorporated as the town of Troy, and built his house on West Hill, nearly at the foot of Mount Monadnock. (*History of Swanzey*, p. 452.)

"But he soon dropped the axe and was drafted into the army just before the battle of Bennington, and is said to have taken an active part in that sanguinary conflict; soon after he obtained his discharge and returned to his home." (*History of Troy*, p. 474.)

He served as a private in Captain Samuel Wright's Company, General John Stark's Brigade, which marched from Winchester, New Hampshire, to join the Northern Army.

Before he left Attleboro' he married Lona Grosvenor, who was probably from Pomfret,

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Connecticut, to which town her early ancestors went from Roxbury, Massachusetts, and were among the very earliest proprietors of that picturesque region. The Grosvenor family is one of distinction in England, claiming from the Earls of Grosvenor.

His land transactions began before 1785. On November 21, 1788, Peter<sup>4</sup> Starkey of Fitzwilliam sold for thirty-five pounds lot No. 20, in the twelfth range of lots in Fitzwilliam, of sixty acres, to William<sup>4</sup> Starkey of Attleboro'. March 11, 1789, he, then of Fitzwilliam, bought fifteen acres of land from Ichabod Shaw. In 1798 he sold a tract to his son, Otis<sup>5</sup> Starkey, and his sons Nathan<sup>5</sup> and Laban<sup>5</sup> were witnesses. In 1814 Peter<sup>4</sup> and his son Luna<sup>5</sup> set off the father's farm to Calvin<sup>5</sup> Starkey, bounded in part by land belonging to the widow of his son, Nathan<sup>5</sup> Starkey. Peter<sup>4</sup> Starkey died in Fitzwilliam, February, 1821.

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- I. OTIS<sup>5</sup> STARKEY, born February 25, 1774, married Desire Peters,
- II. PETER<sup>5</sup> STARKEY, born September 25, 1777, married Amy Sweet,
- III. NATHAN<sup>5</sup> STARKEY, born March 12, 1779, married Esther Briggs,

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- IV. LABAN<sup>5</sup> STARKEY, born January 30, 1782, married Polly Jackson,
- V. BENJAMIN<sup>5</sup> STARKEY, born June 14, 1785, married Sally Smith,
- VI. JOHN<sup>5</sup> STARKEY, born April 3, 1788, married Sarah Cass,
- VII. CALVIN<sup>5</sup> STARKEY, born March 17, 1790, married Mary Porter,
- VIII. LONA<sup>5</sup> STARKEY, born April 25, 1792, died young,
- IX. LONA<sup>5</sup> STARKEY (twin), born September 11, 1794,
- X. LUNA<sup>5</sup> STARKEY (twin), born September 11, 1794.  
*(History of Richmond, p. 452.)*

JOSEPH<sup>4</sup> STARKEY, son of John<sup>3</sup> (Andrew,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) and Amy (Capron) Starkey, was born in Attleboro'. While still in his teens he enlisted in Captain Oliver Capron's Company, Colonel William Doolittle's Regiment, which marched from Attleboro' and was in service at Winter Hill, Somerville, Massachusetts, October, 1775. About a year later he joined his brothers in their travels over the hills to the New Hampshire district, where, on September 25, 1777, he bought from his brother, John<sup>4</sup> Starkey, lot No. 27, in the first range of lots in that part of Cheshire County which was set off as Swansey, "which was formerly Richmond," for which he paid seventy-three pounds, eight shillings, sixpence. Jointly with his brother,

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Enoch<sup>4</sup> Starkey, and their sister, Mary<sup>4</sup> Starkey, he purchased lot No. 18, in the Richmond second range. In 1800 he bought seventy-two acres of land in Fitzwilliam, paying five hundred dollars. In 1807 Joseph<sup>4</sup> Starkey and his wife, Waitstill, of Richmond sold their farm to Peter Starkey.

As soon as he was in Swanzey he enlisted as a private in Colonel Wyman's Company in June, 1776, and was in the battle at Ticonderoga.

He married in Richmond, July 23, 1778, Waitstill, daughter of Henry and Esther (Pidge) Morse. (*History of Richmond*, p. 486.)

### THEY HAD CHILDREN,

I. MARTHA<sup>5</sup> STARKEY, born March 13, 1779, married March 4, 1798, Joseph Clark Davenport from Mount Holly, Vermont; they removed to Mount Holly in 1815; they had Children, born in Richmond,

- (1) JOSEPH<sup>6</sup> DAVENPORT,
- (2) WAITSTILL<sup>6</sup> DAVENPORT.

II. ESTHER<sup>5</sup> STARKEY, born June 3, 1783, married (1) Elijah, brother of Joseph Clark Davenport; he died —; she married (2) October 8, 1818, Nahum Aldrich from Mendon, Mass.; she had, by her first husband,

- (1) HENRY<sup>6</sup> DAVENPORT,

Children by the second husband,

- (2) SARAH<sup>6</sup> ALDRICH,

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- (3) ESTHER<sup>6</sup> ALDRICH,
- (4) NAHUM<sup>6</sup> ALDRICH, born in 1824,
- (5) WAITSTILL<sup>6</sup> ALDRICH,
- (6) JILSON<sup>6</sup> ALDRICH,

III. WAITSTILL<sup>5</sup> STARKEY, born January 17, 1787, married May 15, 1811, Noah, son of Levi and Elizabeth (Perry) Aldrich; he was born in Richmond, December 9, 1788, removed to Rhode Island, and, later, to a town in Pennsylvania; they had Children,

- (1) ANGELA<sup>6</sup> ALDRICH, who married Augustus Cass,
- (2) MIRANDA<sup>6</sup> ALDRICH, who married Bradley Fleming,
- (3) JOSEPH<sup>6</sup> ALDRICH,
- (4) BENJAMIN<sup>6</sup> ALDRICH, who married Lona Thayer,
- (5) WAITSTILL<sup>6</sup> ALDRICH, who married Joseph Oakman,
- (6) LEANDER<sup>6</sup> ALDRICH,
- (7) JILSON<sup>6</sup> ALDRICH,

IV. JOSEPH<sup>5</sup> STARKEY, born September 27, 1790, married February 20, 1812, Lydia Aldrich, and migrated to Pennsylvania,

v. (Colonel) HENRY<sup>5</sup> STARKEY, born September 1, 1795, married February 17, 1818, Lucy Woodward,

VI. BETSEY<sup>5</sup> STARKEY, born May, 1803, married June 26, 1820, William, son of Isaac and Polly (Brackett) Woodward; he was born in Troy and lived on his farm in Swanzey; they had Children,

- (1) ELIZA<sup>6</sup> WOODWARD, who married Lysander L. Whitcomb,
- (2) DENNISON<sup>6</sup> WOODWARD.

*(History of Swanzey, pp. 535-6.)*

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MOSES<sup>4</sup> STARKEY, son of Thomas<sup>3</sup> (Andrew,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) and Rebecca (Capron) Starkey, was born at Attleboro', September 14, 1771. He was a house carpenter and first removed to Vassalboro', Maine, claiming his residence as at Winslow, Maine, when his father offered him an inducement to return to Attleboro' to take charge of the home farm and care for his parents. Although he, at first, appeared disposed to accept this proposal, he finally declined and remained at Winslow. Through the influence of a local movement he became a member of the Friends, or Quaker Society, and one of their ministers.

He married (1) 4th m., 27th d., 1796, Eunice, daughter of John Taber. She was born 6th m., 8th d., 1777, and died on the 4th m., 16th d., 1816. He married (2) on the 10th m., 2d d., 1817, Jenet, daughter of George and Polly Warren, as is shown by the following deed: "Moses Starkey of Vassalboro', County Kennebec, Maine, George Warren of Portland, Henry I. Warren of Pownal, deed their rights to estate in Portland of their late deceased father, George Warren, to their sisters, Jennet, wife of Moses Starkey, Polly, wife of Solomon Dennison of Freeport, Maine, to an estate at Wilmot street, February 11, 1822." Jennet Warren was born

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at Portland on the 6th m., 1st d., 1782; died at Vassalboro' on the 6th m., 11th d., 1875. He died at Vassalboro' on the 8th m., 9th d., 1842.

### CHILDREN BY THE FIRST WIFE,

- I. DANIEL<sup>5</sup> TABER STARKEY, born July 22, 1797, died in 1824,
- II. ELIZA<sup>5</sup> STARKEY, born January 1, 1799,
- III. REBECCA<sup>5</sup> STARKEY, born January 9, 1801,
- IV. MARY<sup>5</sup> R. STARKEY, born December 17, 1806,
- V. WILLIAM<sup>5</sup> R. STARKEY, born December 4, 1808,
- VI. MOSES<sup>5</sup> STARKEY, born November 22, 1811,
- VII. EUNICE<sup>5</sup> STARKEY, born September 2, 1813,
- VIII. SUSAN<sup>5</sup> STARKEY, born December 18, 1815,

### CHILDREN BY THE SECOND WIFE,

- IX. HENRY<sup>5</sup> WARREN STARKEY, born October 6, 1819,
- X. CHARLES<sup>5</sup> N. STARKEY, born June 6, 1821,
- XI. THOMAS<sup>5</sup> C. STARKEY, born June 6, 1823,
- XII. JOHN<sup>5</sup> WARREN STARKEY, born April 13, 1825, married (1) 12m, 3d, 1846, Clarrie Carr; married (2) 2m, 12d, 1891, Mrs. Susan Card Carr; resides at Vassalboro'.

WILLIAM<sup>5</sup> STARKEY, son of William<sup>4</sup> (John,<sup>3</sup> Andrew,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) and Sarah (Martin) Starkey, was born in Attleboro', October 21, 1765. Very soon he was attracted to the settlement of his relations in Cheshire County, New Hampshire,

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and his first purchase of land there was in 1790, from his uncle, Peter<sup>4</sup> Starkey, three quarters of an acre in Fitzwilliam. At the same date he bought another lot from Nathaniel Buckley. In 1797 he bought a little less than two acres of land in Fitzwilliam. In 1799, then signing as of Fitzwilliam, he purchased lot No. 19, in the twelfth range, bounded in part by land belonging to his uncle, Joseph<sup>4</sup> Starkey. His homestead was finally in that part of the township which was incorporated as Troy in 1815.

He married Naomi, daughter of — Martin of Swanzey, New Hampshire. He died in 1808.

### THEY HAD CHILDREN,

- I. SARAH<sup>6</sup> STARKEY, born September 5, 1794, married Tyler Tenney; she died at the homestead,
- II. HANNAH<sup>6</sup> STARKEY, born October 17, 1795; in 1817 Hannah Starkey, daughter of William Starkey, sold her one seventh part of "a certain farm in Troy of ninety acres"; as she was not mentioned in the heirs' settlement, she probably died unmarried before that time,
- III. NAOMI<sup>6</sup> STARKEY, born September 29, 1796, married, in 1817, George, son of George and — (Bruce) Farrar; he was born December 18, 1784; she died September 2, 1842; he married (2) Sally Whitney; Children by the first wife,

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- (1) NAOMI<sup>7</sup> FARRAR, born in 1818, died in 1829,
- (2) MARTHA<sup>7</sup> FARRAR, born in 1820,
- (3) HARRIET<sup>7</sup> NEWELL FARRAR, born in 1822, died in 1825,
- (4) NANCY<sup>7</sup> FARRAR, born in 1824, died in 1825,
- (5) GEORGE<sup>7</sup> ELLIOT FARRAR, born in 1826, died in 1829,
- (6) GEORGE<sup>7</sup> ELLIOT FARRAR, born in 1830,

IV. WILLIAM<sup>6</sup> STARKEY, who died young,

v. OLIVE<sup>6</sup> STARKEY, born October 25, 1801, married April 7, 1822, Asher, son of Abraham Coolidge; he was born August 8, 1791. They resided for the first year of their married life at her father's home; he died November 15, 1837; she died in Keene, New Hampshire, September, 1848; they had Children,

- (1) WILLIAM<sup>7</sup> COOLIDGE, born November, 1824, died in 1826,
- (2) ELBRIDGE<sup>7</sup> COOLIDGE, born May 15, 1826,
- (3) OLIVE<sup>7</sup> ANN COOLIDGE, born in 1828, died in 1841,
- (4) WILLIAM<sup>7</sup> E. COOLIDGE, born June 17, 1830,
- (5) GEORGE<sup>7</sup> F. COOLIDGE, born February 6, 1833,
- (6) SARAH<sup>7</sup> COOLIDGE, born January, 1835.

*(History of Troy, p. 520.)*

VI. EBENEZER<sup>6</sup> STARKEY, born November 20, 1803, removed to Boston,

VII. RHODA<sup>6</sup> STARKEY, born November 12, 1805, was married in 1835,

VIII. LYDIA<sup>6</sup> STARKEY, born July 16, 1807, married Laton, son of Jonathan and Zilpah (Cass) Martin; he was born in Richmond, New Hampshire, January 31, 1809, removed to Keene, New Hampshire; they had Children,

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- (1) ELIZABETH<sup>7</sup> MARTIN,
- (2) LYDIA<sup>7</sup> ANN MARTIN, born January 8, 1839,
- (3) LYDIA<sup>7</sup> EVELEEN MARTIN, born November 20, 1840,
- (4) WILLIAM<sup>7</sup> LATIN MARTIN, born November 10, 1843,
- (5) HENRY<sup>7</sup> SABEN MARTIN, born July 25, 1845,
- (6) JONATHAN<sup>7</sup> EDGAR MARTIN, born January 2, 1847,

COLONEL HENRY<sup>5</sup> STARKEY, son of Joseph<sup>4</sup> (John,<sup>3</sup> Andrew,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) and Waitstill (Morse) Starkey, was born in Richmond, New Hampshire, September 1, 1795. "At the age of eighty-nine years he presents a type of vigorous manhood of marked muscular development; he was one of the pioneer shoemakers of this region. When he was about eighteen years old he made a journey of five hundred miles afoot to visit friends in Pennsylvania. He outlived three of his sons and at the age of ninety years celebrated his birthday at the house of his daughter, Lucy." (*History of Richmond*, p. 487.)

Henry<sup>3</sup> Starkey married February 17, 1818, Lucy, daughter of Isaac and Polly (Brackett) Woodward. She was born in Swanzey, April 23, 1797.

### THEY HAD CHILDREN.

- I. JOHN<sup>6</sup> WOODWARD STARKEY, born December 18, 1818, became a proprietor of the hotel at Keene,
- II. ALVIN<sup>6</sup> STARKEY, born December 27, 1821,
- III. HENRY<sup>6</sup> STARKEY, born January 27, 1824,
- IV. JOSEPH<sup>6</sup> STARKEY, born June 28, 1826,

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v. LUCY<sup>6</sup> STARKEY, born April 17, 1829, married Cyrenus, son of Peleg and Polly (Cass) Taft; he was born August 19, 1823, and was killed by the fall of a branch of a tree February 5, 1864; they had Children,

- (1) WALTER<sup>7</sup> H. TAFT, born September 26, 1857,
- (2) A daughter,<sup>7</sup> who died young.

DAVID<sup>5</sup> STARKEY, son of Enoch<sup>4</sup> (John,<sup>3</sup> Andrew,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) and Betsey (Blackinton) Starkey, was born at some date not recorded and resided at Swanzey, where he married, March 23, 1797, Lovina, daughter of Nathan and Lovina (Goodnow) Woodcock and a granddaughter of Nathan Woodcock from Attleboro', a descendant from the immigrant John Woodcock. She was born at Swanzey, September 3, 1777. With the families of both the Nathan Woodcocks, they migrated to Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. After her first husband's death she married (2) Captain Enoch Cummings. She died September 5, 1831.

### CHILDREN BY THE FIRST HUSBAND,

- I. SUSAN<sup>6</sup> STARKEY, born 1800, married William Clark,
- II. RHODA<sup>6</sup> STARKEY, who married Mr. Nourse of Keene,
- III. LUTHER<sup>6</sup> STARKEY.

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GEORGE<sup>5</sup> STARKEY, son of Enoch<sup>4</sup> (John,<sup>3</sup> Andrew,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) and Betsey (Blackinton) Starkey, was born at Swanzy, 1775; resided at Swanzy, Troy, and Westminster, Massachusetts. He married (1) at Troy, October 7, 1800, Betsey, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Betsey) (Graves) Lawrence. She was born at Troy in 1777; died September 13, 1813, aged thirty-six years. He married (2), publishing his marriage intention April 3, 1821, Mrs. Hannah Smith from Westminster. He died at Westminster, October 10, 1855, at the age of eighty years and was buried at Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

### CHILDREN BY THE FIRST WIFE,

1. BETSEY<sup>6</sup> STARKEY, born at Swanzy, May 21, 1801, married April 12, 1825, Ezra, son of Joseph and Hannah (Mellen) Forristall; he was born at Fitchburg, Massachusetts, September 20, 1799, died at Boston, March 3, 1872; she died at Boston, October 6, 1889; they had Children,
  - (1) GEORGE<sup>7</sup> WRIGHT FORRISTALL,
  - (2) CHARLES<sup>7</sup> ALEXANDER FORRISTALL, who died May 17, 1828,
  - (3) HELEN<sup>7</sup> MARIA FORRISTALL, who died November 18, 1828,
  - (4) EZRA<sup>7</sup> FORRISTALL,
  - (5) HENRY<sup>7</sup> MELLEN FORRISTALL, who died January 22, 1891,

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- (6) CHARLES<sup>7</sup> GRANVILLE FORRISTALL,
- (7) HANNAH<sup>7</sup> ELIZABETH FORRISTALL,

II. NANCY<sup>6</sup> STARKEY, born November 5, 1803, married March 10, 1825, Joseph, son of Ebenezer and Priscilla (Poor) Nourse; he was born at Fitzwilliam, September 10, 1797, died at Fitchburg, December 4, 1860; she died there May 22, 1884; they had Children,

- (1) CHARLES<sup>7</sup> NOURSE, who died August 3, 1834,
- (2) GEORGE<sup>7</sup> LYMAN NOURSE, who died October 6, 1846,
- (3) MARIA<sup>7</sup> J. NOURSE, who died July 9, 1849,
- (4) JOSEPH<sup>7</sup> ERWIN NOURSE,
- (5) EDWARD<sup>7</sup> NOURSE, who died September 4, 1834,
- (6) ELLEN<sup>7</sup> LOUISE NOURSE, who died May 17, 1837,
- (7) SARAH<sup>7</sup> J. NOURSE,
- (8) MARY<sup>7</sup> NOURSE,
- (9) MARIA<sup>7</sup> L. NOURSE.

III. MARY<sup>6</sup> L. STARKEY, born September 5, 1806, married January 9, 1831, Alexander, son of Joseph and Hannah (Mellen) Forristall, born January 9, 1805, at Fitzwilliam, died at Woodbury, Long Island, June 25, 1847; she died at Chelsea, Mass., July 31, 1875; they had Children,

- (1) CHARLES<sup>7</sup> FORRISTALL, born —, died March 4, 1836,
- (2) THOMAS<sup>7</sup> C. FORRISTALL, who died March 4, 1856,
- (3) MARY<sup>7</sup> L. FORRISTALL,
- (4) HELEN<sup>7</sup> M. FORRISTALL,
- (5) EMMA<sup>7</sup> L. FORRISTALL, who died July 15, 1878,
- (6) FRANCES<sup>7</sup> E. R. FORRISTALL, born March 19, 1846.

IV. GEORGE<sup>6</sup> LYMAN STARKEY, born in Boston, January 12, 1810, married in South Tamworth, New Hampshire, July 9, 1843, Elizabeth Neal, daugh-

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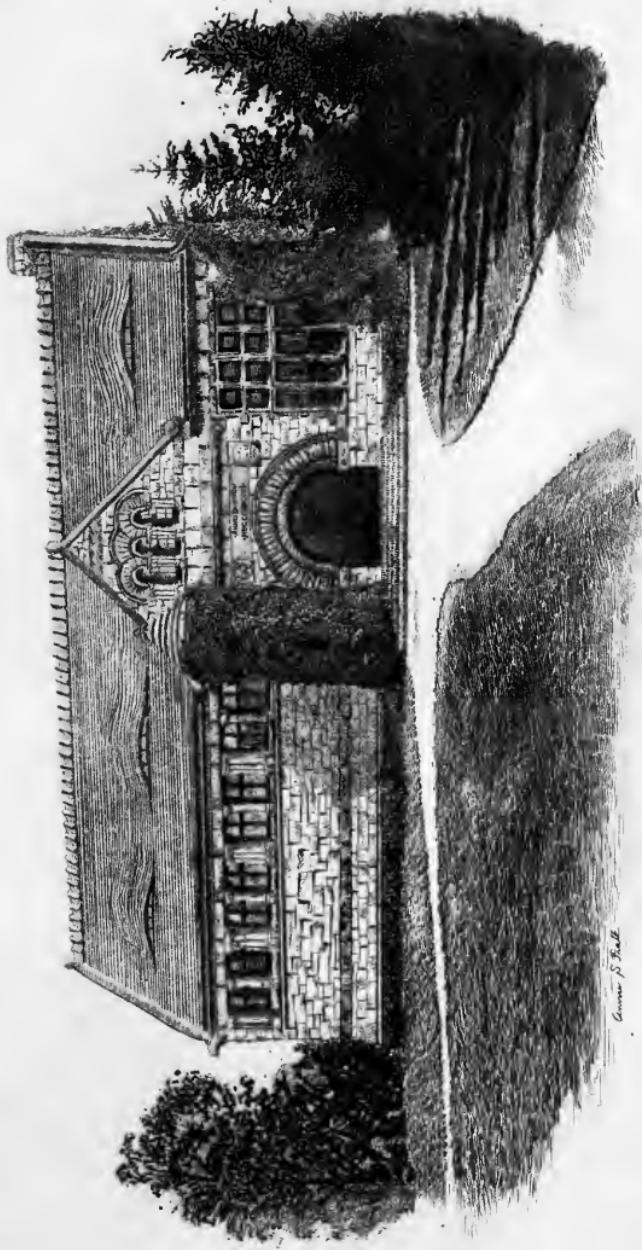
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ter of John Ames of Dublin, New Hampshire, by his wife, Sarah Glidden, of Parsonsfield, Maine; she was born in South Tamworth, August 3, 1815, died in Boston, September 4, 1891; he died there January 15, 1895; they had,

- (1) FANNY<sup>7</sup> STARKEY, born in Boston, February 14, 1859, married in Boston, February 10, 1902, Albert Crane, son of Thomas and Clarissa Lawrence (Starkey) Crane, and resides in Stamford, Conn.

v. CLARISSA<sup>6</sup> LAWRENCE STARKEY, born in Troy (or Swansey), New Hampshire, March 3, 1813, married in Boston, Mass., November 23, 1836, Thomas, son of Thomas and Sarah (Baxter) Crane; he was born on St. George's Island, Boston Harbor, October 8, 1803, died in New York city, April 1, 1875; she died in New York city, April 22, 1895; they had Children,

- (1) THOMAS<sup>7</sup> CRANE, born August 21, 1837, died January 26, 1875,
- (2) BENJAMIN<sup>7</sup> F. CRANE, born February 14, 1841, died October 12, 1889,
- (3) ALBERT<sup>7</sup> CRANE, born December 30, 1842, graduate of Tufts College, Medford, Mass., with the degree of A.B., in the class of 1863, was a graduate from the Columbia Law School of New York with the degree of LL.B.; was admitted to the Bar of New York in 1866; now resides in Stamford, Conn.; he married (1) January 24, 1884, Ellen Mansfield, daughter of Colonel Mansfield and Martha M. (Brookes) Davies, of Fishkill-on-Hudson, New York; she died, childless, January 5, 1893; married (2) February 10, 1902, Fanny Starkey,



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- (4) FRANCES<sup>7</sup> ADELAIDE CRANE, born May 2, 1846, died February 11, 1849,
- (5) SOPHIA<sup>7</sup> ANGELA CRANE, born November 1, 1847, died August 18, 1852,
- (6) HENRY<sup>7</sup> CLAY CRANE, born April 22, 1850, died December 30, 1869,
- (7) ADA<sup>7</sup> AUGUSTA CRANE, born July 2, 1852, died August 21, 1855,
- (8) ELLA<sup>7</sup> FLORENCE CRANE, born January 14, 1856, died July 26, 1857.

### CHILDREN BY THE SECOND WIFE,

- VI. SEWALL<sup>6</sup> SMITH STARKEY, born in Westminster, Mass., August 10, 1821,
- VII. SERRIL<sup>6</sup> WILBUR STARKEY, born in Fitchburg, Mass., October 29, 1825.

SAMUEL<sup>5</sup> STARKEY, son of Enoch<sup>4</sup> (John,<sup>3</sup> Andrew,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) and Betsey (Blackington) Starkey, was born in Troy, New Hampshire, November 30, 1786. His farm was situated in that part of the original township which was incorporated as the present town of Richmond. He married, March 20, 1811, Thankful, daughter of Elder Nathaniel and Thankful Bolles. She was born May 29, 1790; died in Mansfield, Mass., June 25, 1872. He died in Richmond, April 30, 1865.

### THEY HAD CHILDREN,

- I. MAHALA<sup>6</sup> STARKEY, born January 1, 1813, married Ira Hardy of Providence, Rhode Island, and died in Mansfield, October 27, 1872,

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- II. LOIS<sup>6</sup> STARKEY, born January 16, 1815, married Rev. William A. Clapp, a Methodist circuit preacher; she died in Mansfield, Mass.,
- III. EMILY<sup>6</sup> STARKEY, born May 29, 1817, married Benjamin Bolles, who died in Fitchburg, Mass., January 31, 1870; she died there November 11, 1889,
- IV. LEONARD<sup>6</sup> STARKEY, born April 13, 1819, married Nancy Smith; he died in Ashuelot, New Hampshire, March 15, 1872; she died there September 13, 1887,
- V. CHARLES<sup>6</sup> STARKEY, born April 19, 1821, died at Bethlehem, New Hampshire, June, 1838,
- VI. DEXTER<sup>6</sup> STARKEY, born February 2, 1824, married (1) Julia M. Brown; she died April 28, 1854; he married (2) Anna P. Davis.
- VII. BETSEY<sup>6</sup> STARKEY, born August 5, 1826, married (1) Albert Stiles; he died January 1, 1856; she married (2) June 5, 1861, James Pierce, who died in Fitchburg, October 29, 1885,
- VIII. MARY<sup>6</sup> W. STARKEY (twin), born August 5, 1826, married Le Roy Brown,
- IX. SAMUEL<sup>6</sup> STARKEY, junior, born March 30, 1830, married and had eight children,
- X. NATHANIEL<sup>6</sup> B. STARKEY, born April 11, 1832, died September 30, 1832,
- XI. WILLIAM<sup>6</sup> STARKEY, born May 26, 1834, died in Barton, Vermont, March 4, 1880.

LEVI<sup>5</sup> STARKEY, son of Enoch<sup>4</sup> (John,<sup>3</sup> Andrew,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) and Betsey (Blackington) Star-

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key, was born in Troy, New Hampshire, March 2, 1790. His home was for a time in Keene, Cheshire County, New Hampshire. He married in Fitzwilliam, February 15, 1816, Hannah, daughter of Edward and Martha (Hemmenway) Holman. She was born in 1790, either at Sutton, Massachusetts, or Chesterfield, New Hampshire. Levi<sup>5</sup> Starkey died in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, June 16, 1840, in his fiftieth year. She died, his widow, December 24, 1846, aged fifty-six years and "was brought from Cavendish, Vermont, to be buried in Keene." (*Vital Statistics of Keene*, p. 227.)

### THEY HAD CHILDREN,

- I. HARRIET<sup>6</sup> G. STARKEY, born August 26, 1816, married and had five children,
- II. MARTHA<sup>6</sup> M. STARKEY, born January 3, 1819, married Mr. Parker and lived in Athol, Mass.,
- III. ENOCH<sup>6</sup> NOYES STARKEY, born November 12, 1820,
- IV. EDWARD<sup>6</sup> H. STARKEY, born August 19, 1824, the year his father removed to Keene,
- V. JAMES<sup>6</sup> F. STARKEY, born April 10, 1826, in Keene,
- VI. ELIZA<sup>6</sup> J. STARKEY, born April 6, 1830/1, died October 27, 1832.

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GEORGE LAWRENCE	= (1)	ELIZABETH CRISPE
GEORGE LAWRENCE	=	MARY
WILLIAM LAWRENCE	=	MARY PERRY
DANIEL LAWRENCE	=	BETSEY GREAVES
BETSEY LAWRENCE	=	GEORGE STARKEY

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**A**MONG the planters who came to New England in the ships with Captain John Winthrop was Sir Richard Saltonstall, who brought with him heads of cattle for the new settlement in the wilderness. With him was Reverend John Phillips, a minister, and "fifteen other planters, Non-conformists, the larger part from London." With some other passengers, they at first attempted a settlement at Charlestown, but, "desiring to find a more abundant supply of water for their cattle," they sailed farther up along the Charles River some four miles and effected a landing, established themselves, and named the settlement Saltonstall's Plantation. To this the Great and General Court of Massachusetts Bay entered a protest and ordered the title to be changed to Watertown. The origin of the latter name is not clearly known, but the reasonable assumption seems to have been that this arose from the

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abundance of water, there being the Charles River on its border, with a large pond in its center.

The Dedham settlers, under Captain Roger Clapp, as they traveled up the river encountered a band of three hundred Indians, who kept at some distance from Clapp's party the first night they appeared, but on the following morning drew near and held out a large bass as a token of amity. To this Clapp responded cordially and "offered a biscuit cake," and it was owing to this exchange of kindness that the little colony was unmolested during the massacres of King Philip's war.

The earliest families of the Saltonstall settlement were placed near Mount Auburn; their lands extended down to the "fording place near tide water at the extreme easterly point of the proposed township." There these "staid, earnest men, of ample means and good social position," began laying out lots, the very first being grounds for the site of the first church, and so progressed that by 1635 nearly all the land was allotted for the homestalls, embracing the extensive tract at first named Watertown, but also the present towns of Waltham, Weston, a large part of Lincoln, and that part of Cambridge

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lying between Fresh Pond and the Charles, at first called the Middle Precinct or the Precinct of Captain Garfield and the West Precinct of Watertown.

It was their boast that they were the very first of the new colonies to proclaim the law of representation, as, on February 3, 1631/2, the General Court of the Bay ordered a tax of sixty pounds to be raised out of the several plantations to defray the expense of building a palisade about New Towne (Cambridge). But the people of Watertown, when called upon for a contribution of eight pounds, assembled under the leadership of Rev. George Phillips and Elder Richard Brown and voted that it would be unwise to pay money after that sort for fear of its bringing themselves and their posterity under bondage.

In 1631 John Lawrence was among the earliest settlers coming from Wisset, in England. With his family he removed to Groton, Massachusetts. The next man to bear this surname was George Lawrence, between whom and John Lawrence no relationship has ever appeared, and it is from this younger man that all of this name in Watertown, Waltham, and Weston descend. His will drawn at Watertown follows:—

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"In the name of God, Amen. I, George Lawrence, husbandman, being aged and infirm of body but of perfect Mind and Memory, Thanks be given unto God Therefore, calling unto Mind ye Mortallity of my Body & knowing it is appointed unto all Men once to Dye, Do Make & Ordain this my Last Will & Testament, that is to Say principally & first of all I Gieve & Recommend My Soul unto the Hands of God that gave it & my Body I recommend to ye Earth to be buried in decent Christian Burial att ye Discretion of my Executors hereafter named, Nothing doubting but att ye General Resurrection I shall receive Ye Same Again by ye Mighty Power of God. And as Touching Such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath Pleased God to bless Me in this Life (my Funeral Charges being defrayed & Just Debts discharged) I Give, Demise & dispose of in Manner & Form following. Imprimis. To Elizabeth, my dearly beloved Wife, I give, Bequeath & Grant to Have & to Hold & quietly to possess My Present Dwelling House, my New Barn & Lands thereto adjoining, in Estimation 30 acres, being One Third Part of that Parcell or Tract I and my Son George Lawrence purchased of Mr. Josiah Treadway now of Charlestown & Captain Josiah Jones of

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Watertown, bounded Westward on Joseph Willington, North East and Benjamin Whitney South East on Joseph Smith & Southard on Samuel Stone. Both of the afores'd Scituate, Lying & Being at Watertown in the County of Middlesex, with all ye privileges to them appertaining. As also all & singular ye Goods & Chattels in my S'd Mansion House with the Cattle, Swine, Corne or Whatsoever Moveable Effects by my Son George Lawrence Left in or Upon s'd Premises att my Decease, to have and to Hold to Occupy and Possess without Molestation whatsoever but providing my wife Elizabeth Marry then one third part of my Moveable Effects be Absolutely and Solely Hers and the Rest to be Equally divided between my Two Youngest Children Joseph and Rachel, both of whom are to be fitted and Educated by this my Estate herein Specified. To my S'd Son Joseph, I Give, Grant, freely and quietly to Possess, Occupy and Improve with and under my S'd wife, Elizabeth his mother During her Widowhood Ye whole and Every Part Abovementioned And, upon my S'd Wife's Decease or Marriage as Above s'd—said House, New Barn and Lands as Aforesaid with all Privileges Yt Belonging be to my Son Joseph, his heirs & Assigns, His & Theirs

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property Absolutely and for ever, void of any Manner of Condicion whatsoever. And to my Daughter Rachel I do give and bequeath (besides ye Above Specified) Five Pounds in Money or Money att fifteen pennyweight.

“Item. To my Sons and Daughters hereafter mentioned, having already done for and given to Each one of them, I do only Add and Bequeath Small Legacies as a token of my Love and Affection. Item. To my Son Benjamin 5 shillings, to my Son George Lawrence, 5 shillings. Item. to my Son Daniel 10 shillings. to my Daughter Mercy Baker, living at Yarmouth, do I give ye Sum of 5 Pounds; Item to my Daughter Grace Edes, Living at Charlestown 5 pounds. Item. to my Daughter Elizabeth Whitney Living at Stow I Give 5 pounds. Item, to my Daughter Hannah Sawtle Living at Groton I Give 3 Pounds. Item to Daughter Judith Stearns Living at Cambridge Farms I give 3 Pounds, Item to Mary Flagg, my Daughter 10 shillings. Item to Sarah Rider my Daughter 10 shillings, to Martha Dix, my Daughter I give 10 shillings, To my grand Daughter Mary Earle do I give and Bequeath ye Sum of 30 shillings. Every of said Legacies to be paid in Money of 15 penny-weight or in Goods and other Moveable Effects

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at said Moneys proceeds and in payment of ye several Legacies aforesaid I will yt this Method be attended what I Bequeath to my Daughter Mercy Baker be ye first Payment and to be Delivered to her my s'd Daughter Mercy Baker att ye term of 2 years after My Decease and att ye end of ye third Year after my Decease, be paid to my Sons George, Benjamin and Daniel. To my Daughters Mercy, Sarah, Martha and to my Grand Daughters, Mary Earll, Each one Ye respective Sums of 3 Pounds to be Due to Each and all my other Daughters, vzt; Grace, Elizabeth, Hannah, Judith and Rachel as before mentioned.

GEORGE LAWRENCE (his mark).

Witnesses

JOHN HASTINGS,  
THOMAS STRAIGHT  
NATHANIEL STEARNS."

GEORGE<sup>1</sup> LAWRENCE, senior, was born in 1636/7; married (1) in Watertown, September 29, 1657, Elizabeth, daughter of Benjamin and Bridget Crispe. She was born in Watertown, January 8, 1636/7; died there May 28, 1681. He married (2) Elizabeth, probably widow of Joseph Holland, August 16, 1691. He died in Watertown, March 21, 1708/9.

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### CHILDREN BY THE FIRST WIFE,

- I. MERCY<sup>2</sup> LAWRENCE, who married William, son of Francis and Isabel (Twining) Baker of Yarmouth, where she died in 1727; they had five sons and seven daughters,
- II. ELIZABETH<sup>2</sup> LAWRENCE, born January 30, 1658, married October 18, 1681, Thomas, son of Thomas and Mary (Ketell) Whitney; he was born in Watertown, August 24, 1656, died there September 20, 1719; she died in Bolton, Worcester County, Mass., February 8, 1741. They resided in Stow, Lancaster, and Bolton, Mass.; they had Children,
  - (1) THOMAS<sup>3</sup> WHITNEY, born September 17, 1681,
  - (2) ELIZABETH<sup>3</sup> WHITNEY, born February 6, 1682,
  - (3) JOHN<sup>3</sup> WHITNEY, born May 13, 1684,
  - (4) MARY<sup>3</sup> WHITNEY, born January 3, 1685,
  - (5) BENJAMIN<sup>3</sup> WHITNEY, born October 7, 1687,
  - (6) NATHAN<sup>3</sup> WHITNEY, born November 18, 1689,
  - (7) SUSANNAH<sup>3</sup> WHITNEY,
  - (8) ABIGAIL<sup>3</sup> WHITNEY,
- III. JUDITH<sup>2</sup> LAWRENCE, born 12th m., 3d d., 1659, married about 1681, John, son of Charles and Rebecca (Gibson) Stearns; he was born in Cambridge, Mass., January 24, 1656/7; their home was very near the Cambridge Farms (now Lexington) Mass., line in Watertown; she died —; he married (2) April 2, 1713, Mary Norcross, and died in Lexington, February 22, 1722; Children by the first wife,
  - (1) REBECCA<sup>3</sup> STEARNS, born March 21, 1682/3,
  - (2) JUDITH<sup>3</sup> STEARNS, baptized June 22, 1690,

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- (3) SARAH<sup>3</sup> STEARNS, baptized June 22, 1690,
- (4) GEORGE<sup>3</sup> STEARNS, baptized June 22, 1690,
- (5) BENJAMIN<sup>3</sup> STEARNS, baptized June 22, 1690,
- (6) JOHN<sup>3</sup> STEARNS, baptized May 11, 1701,
- (7) THOMAS<sup>3</sup> STEARNS, baptized May 11, 1701,
- (8) DANIEL<sup>3</sup> STEARNS, baptized May 11, 1701,
- (9) ISAAC<sup>3</sup> STEARNS, baptized May 11, 1701,
- (10) MARY<sup>3</sup> STEARNS, baptized May 11, 1701,
- (11) ELIZABETH<sup>3</sup> STEARNS, baptized May 11, 1701,
- (12) ABIGAIL<sup>3</sup> STEARNS, born in Lexington, May 12, 1700,
- (13) CHARLES<sup>3</sup> STEARNS, born in Lexington, October 20, 1702,

IV. HANNAH<sup>2</sup> LAWRENCE, born in Watertown, March 24, 1661, married Obadiah, son of Richard and Elizabeth Sawtell; he was born in Watertown and removed to Groton, Middlesex County, Mass.; they had Children,

- (1) ELMNATHAN<sup>3</sup> SAWTELL, born May 27, 1683,
- (2) JOSIAH<sup>3</sup> SAWTELL, born August 14, 1685,
- (3) HANNAH<sup>3</sup> SAWTELL, born June 8, 1695,
- (4) ABIGAIL<sup>3</sup> SAWTELL, born March 13, 1697,
- (5) OBADIAH<sup>3</sup> SAWTELL, born March 18, 1701,
- (6) HEZEKIAH<sup>3</sup> SAWTELL, born March 2, 1703,

V. JOHN<sup>2</sup> LAWRENCE, born March 25, 1663; he was accidentally killed June 5, 1674,

VI. BENJAMIN<sup>2</sup> LAWRENCE, born May 2, 1666, who settled in Charlestown,

VII. DANIEL<sup>2</sup> LAWRENCE (twin), born May 2, 1666, also settled in Charlestown,

VIII. GEORGE<sup>2</sup> LAWRENCE, born June 4, 1668, married Mary —,

IX. MARY<sup>2</sup> LAWRENCE, born December 11, 1671; married (1) April 5, 1689, John, son of Robert and Hannah Earl; he died —; she married (2)

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December 27, 1704, Michael, son of Thomas and Alcia Flagg; he was born in Watertown, March 23, 1650; was one of the proprietors of Worcester, Mass.; he died October 16, 1711; Child by the first husband,

- (1) MARY<sup>3</sup> EARL, born January 9, 1690, married October 10, 1708, Daniel Ball,

Children by the second husband,

- (2) ERLE<sup>3</sup> FLAGG, born March 27, 1706,  
(3) PRUDENCE<sup>3</sup> FLAGG, born August 9, 1708,  
(4) BEZALEEL<sup>3</sup> FLAGG, born March 23, 1710/11,

x. SARAH<sup>2</sup> LAWRENCE, who married Thomas, son of William Rider; with his wife, Sarah Rider, Thomas Rider signed a deed at Watertown in 1685; with his wife Sarah he was in Dorchester, Mass., in 1709; Sarah, wife of Thomas Rider, died in Roxbury, Mass., August 14, 1717, "aged about forty years."

xi. MARTHA<sup>2</sup> LAWRENCE, born about 1675, married November 29, 1697, John, son of John and Elizabeth (Barnard) Dix; he was born March 6, 1672/3, died in Watertown in 1726; they had Children,

- (1) ELIZABETH<sup>3</sup> DIX, born May 6, 1700,  
(2) JOHN<sup>3</sup> DIX, born May 18, 1702,  
(3) JANE<sup>3</sup> DIX, born November 18, 1704,  
(4) LYDIA<sup>3</sup> DIX, born February 7, 1705/6,  
(5) EDMUND<sup>3</sup> DIX, born December 17, 1706,  
(6) SAMUEL<sup>3</sup> DIX, born June 29, 1708,  
(7) ABIGAIL<sup>3</sup> DIX, born July 25, 1710,  
(8) ANNE<sup>3</sup> DIX, born January 17, 1711/12,  
(9) JOEL<sup>3</sup> DIX, born October 2, 1713,

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- (10) BENJAMIN<sup>3</sup> DIX, born February 10, 1714/15,
- (11) JAMES<sup>3</sup> DIX, born October 13, 1716,
- (12) JOSEPH<sup>3</sup> DIX, born June 11, 1719,
- (13) JONAS<sup>3</sup> DIX, born May 21, 1721,

XII. GRACE<sup>2</sup> LAWRENCE, born June 2, 1680, married April 13, 1698, John, son of John and Mary (Tufts) Edes; he was baptized in Charlestown, Mass., 22d, 6th, 1680, died there January 16, 1721; she died there August 9, 1758; they had Children,

- (1) JOHN<sup>3</sup> EDES, born November 5, 1698,
- (2) EDWARD<sup>3</sup> EDES, born January 29, 1699/1700,
- (3) ELIZABETH<sup>3</sup> EDES, born February, 1700/01,
- (4) SAMUEL<sup>3</sup> EDES, born November (4) 7, 1703.
- (5) PETER<sup>3</sup> EDES, born September 15 (16), 1705,
- (6) DANIEL<sup>3</sup> EDES, born April 26 (May 2), 1708,
- (7) BENJAMIN<sup>3</sup> EDES, born November 10 (13), 1709,
- (8) SARAH<sup>3</sup> EDES, born November 3 (4), 1711,
- (9) JONATHAN<sup>3</sup> EDES, born August 4 (9), 1713,

John Edes married (2) Hannah Call of Charlestown and had two children,

XIII. JOSEPH<sup>2</sup> LAWRENCE,

XIV. RACHEL<sup>2</sup> LAWRENCE, born July 14, 1694,

XV. PATIENCE<sup>2</sup> LAWRENCE (twin), born July 14, 1694, was not mentioned in her father's will.

BENJAMIN<sup>2</sup> LAWRENCE, son of George<sup>1</sup> and Elizabeth (Crispe) Lawrence, was born in Watertown, Massachusetts, May 2, 1666. He settled in Charlestown, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. In his various land transactions he styled himself a waterman, a term somewhat

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akin to a fisherman and including both pursuits. He married (1) in Boston, July 4, 1689, Mary, daughter of John and Mary Clough. She was born in Boston, August 7, 1673; died in Charlestown, August 8, 1695, when he married (2) February 3, 1696, Mrs. Ann, widow of Captain Benjamin Phillips. She died June 11, 1716. He married (3) November 8, 1716, Mrs. Ann, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Bright) Cooledge and widow of Nathaniel Adams of Charlestown. She died December 18, 1718. He married (4) July 9, 1719, Elizabeth Bennett, born in 1663, died November 26, 1738. His will was drawn September 7, 1733.

### CHILDREN BY THE SECOND WIFE,

- I. JOHN<sup>3</sup> LAWRENCE, born November 12, 1696,
- II. ABIGAIL<sup>3</sup> LAWRENCE, born October 30, 1698, married Stephen Pearce,
- III. WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> LAWRENCE, baptized July 10, 1700, died young,
- IV. ELIZABETH<sup>3</sup> LAWRENCE, baptized July 10, 1701, died young,
- V. ELIZABETH<sup>3</sup> LAWRENCE, baptized October 4, 1702, married December 22, 1720, Ambrose Colby of Newbury, Mass.,
- VI. BENJAMIN<sup>3</sup> LAWRENCE, baptized September 10, 1704, died May 31, 1706,

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VII. MARY<sup>3</sup> LAWRENCE, baptized February 23, 1706/7, married Thomas Stevens of Sheepscott, Maine; she died May 9, 1755.

DANIEL<sup>2</sup> LAWRENCE, son of George<sup>1</sup> and Elizabeth (Crispe) Lawrence, a twin with his brother, Benjamin Lawrence, was born in Watertown, May 2, 1666. As a tailor, he established himself in Charlestown, where he married (1) June 19, 1689, Sarah, daughter of Edward and Sarah (Adams) Counce of Charlestown. She died June 28, 1694. He married (2) November, 1695, Hannah Mason. She died August 20, 1721. He married (3) August 23, 1722, Maud, daughter of James and Mabel (Haynes) Russell and a granddaughter of Honorable Richard and Maud Russell. Daniel Lawrence died October 22, 1734. Mrs. Maud Lawrence's will was drawn at Charlestown, December 22, 1747, and was carried to Probate Court May 14, 1748. In that she stated that she was advanced in years, mentioned her nephew, Thomas Jenner; her niece, Abigail Stevens; her sister, Mabel Jenner; her brother, Daniel Russell; her cozen, Maud; her cozen, Ezekiel Cheever, junior; her cozen, Elizabeth Hendley and her husband; her cozens, David and Sarah Cheever; her nephews, Chambers Russell, James Russell, Richard Russell,

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Daniel Russell; her nieces, Abigail Russell, Rebecca Wyer and her husband, John Stevens, Abigail and Grace Stevens, Mabel Bird, David, Samuel, and Joanna Jenner; her son-in-law (*i. e.*, her stepson), Daniel Lawrence; her daughter-in-law (*i. e.*, stepdaughter), Hannah Calder; her cozen, Elizabeth Stanley.

Daniel<sup>2</sup> Lawrence's inventory of his estate was given to Court December 12, 1747. His heirs were his widow, Mrs. Maud Lawrence; his son, Daniel; his grandson, Daniel Converse; and his other children, Samuel Lawrence, Hannah Calder, and Lydia Pitcher.

### CHILDREN BY THE SECOND WIFE,

- I. DANIEL<sup>3</sup> LAWRENCE, baptized in the First Church in Charlestown, August 9, 1696, married December 17, 1722, Margaret Alley,
- II. SAMUEL<sup>3</sup> LAWRENCE, baptized at the Second Church in Boston, May 22, 1698; he sailed for St. Christopher's, West Indies, married there and had one son, Daniel Lawrence, who, after his father's decease, while he was still a lad, was sent to the care of his uncle,
- III. HANNAH<sup>3</sup> LAWRENCE, baptized February 26, 1699/1700, married March, 1719/20, Dr. Robert Calder, a native of Scotland and a surgeon in the English navy; he died at sea; she died November 25, 1758; they had Children,

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- (1) ROBERT<sup>4</sup> CALDER,
- (2) HANNAH<sup>4</sup> CALDER, baptized November 11, 1722,
- (3) WILLIAM<sup>4</sup> CALDER, baptized in 1724, died in 1734,
- (4) SARAH<sup>4</sup> CALDER, baptized in Christ Church, Boston, May 15, 1726,
- (5) SAMUEL<sup>4</sup> CALDER, baptized in Christ Church, October 29, 1727,
- (6) GEORGE<sup>4</sup> CALDER, born in 1729, died the same year,
- (7) BARBARA<sup>4</sup> CALDER, baptized July 23, 1732,
- (8) WILLIAM<sup>4</sup> CALDER, baptized at Charlestown, June 15, 1736,
- (9) GEORGE<sup>4</sup> CALDER, born November 21, 1737,
- (10) REBECCA<sup>4</sup> CALDER, baptized August, 1738,
- (11) LYDIA<sup>4</sup> CALDER, baptized at Charlestown, June 15, 1746,
- (12) ELIZABETH<sup>4</sup> CALDER (twin), baptized at Charlestown, June 15, 1746,

IV. LYDIA<sup>3</sup> LAWRENCE, baptized January 30, 1703/4, married (1) William, son of William and Hannah (Trerice) Austin; he was born in Charlestown, March 19, 1698/9, died before 1736, when she married (2) October 21, 1736, John E. Pitcher; she died in Charlestown, January 13, 1741, aged thirty-seven years; Children by the first husband,

- (1) LYDIA<sup>4</sup> AUSTIN, baptized August 13, 1726/7,
- (2) HANNAH<sup>4</sup> AUSTIN, baptized at Christ Church, Boston, January 5, 1728,

v. SARAH<sup>3</sup> LAWRENCE, baptized February 3, 1705/6, died December 24, 1747.

GEORGE<sup>2</sup> LAWRENCE, junior, son of George<sup>1</sup> and Elizabeth (Crispe) Lawrence, was born in Watertown, June 4, 1668. His father pur-

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chased from Nicholas Cady of Watertown a tract of land of which the deed of conveyance was signed September 11, 1668. This tract was held by their descendants up to a very recent time. Still farther west in the town, the Lawrences owned a part of the estate which was, at first, owned by Hopestill Mead, and some of this homestead was, later, incorporated in the present town of Waltham.

As George<sup>2</sup> Lawrence, junior, he petitioned for abatement of his town rates in 1692; was chosen hog reave in March 24, 1695/6. As this office was, as a joke, given to the newly-married men, this seems to note the time of his marriage, which is not on record. He was chosen surveyor of the highways in 1701/2, after having served as a tithingman in 1698/9. May 25, 1710, the town agreed that if the children of his mother-in-law would not contribute to their mother's support, George Lawrence should receive compensation for what he expended in her behalf. In 1709/10, with John Dix, George and Mary Lawrence gave a deed of land lying in the near-by town of Cambridge.

He married —, Mary —. She died in Waltham, January 21, 1740/1. He died there March 9, 1735, in his sixty-seventh year.

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### THEY HAD CHILDREN,

- I. MARY<sup>3</sup> LAWRENCE, born February 15, 1696/7,
- II. GEORGE<sup>3</sup> LAWRENCE, third, born June 3, 1698,  
married (1) Mary Stearns; married (2) Grace  
Brown,
- III. ELIZABETH<sup>3</sup> LAWRENCE, born October 9, 1700,
- IV. LYDIA<sup>3</sup> LAWRENCE, who married June 21, 1722,  
Solomon, son of Thomas and Abigail (Dix)  
Parks; he was born in 1699, removed to Hollis-  
ton, Mass., where he died January 3, 1754; they  
had Children,
  - (1) SAMUEL<sup>4</sup> PARKS,
  - (2) LYDIA<sup>4</sup> PARKS,
  - (3) MARY<sup>4</sup> PARKS,
- V. JOHN<sup>3</sup> LAWRENCE, born February 20, 1703/4,  
married Mary Hammond,
- VI. DAVID<sup>3</sup> LAWRENCE, born July 6, 1706,
- VII. SARAH<sup>3</sup> LAWRENCE, born January 20, 1708/9,  
married December 8, 1726, John Baldwin of  
Woburn,
- VIII. WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> LAWRENCE, born May 20, 1711, mar-  
ried Mary Perry,
- IX. ANNA<sup>3</sup> LAWRENCE, born March 1, 1713.

GEORGE<sup>3</sup> LAWRENCE, son of George<sup>2</sup> (George<sup>1</sup>) and Mary Lawrence, was born at Watertown, June 3, 1698. His estate was in that part of Watertown which, later, was incorporated as Waltham. He was elected one of the first body of assessors when the new town was established

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in 1737/8, and became one of the most active and prominent citizens. The lands on which his grandfather's homestead lay, of which the original deed was drawn September 11, 1668, is still owned by one of the direct descendants, while the estate itself is in their possession.

He married (1) May 1, 1724, Mary, daughter of Lieutenant Samuel and Mary (Hawkins) Stearns. She was born at Watertown, July 20, 1699; died at Waltham, January 21, 1741. He married (2) May 13, 1742, Grace, daughter of Deacon William and Sarah (Bond) Brown. She was born in 1719; died September 9, 1787.

### CHILDREN BY THE FIRST WIFE,

- I. ABIGAIL<sup>4</sup> LAWRENCE, born February 14, 1725, died December 8, 1726,
- II. BENJAMIN<sup>4</sup> LAWRENCE, born January 30, 1727/8, died "abroad in the army,"
- III. ELIJAH<sup>4</sup> LAWRENCE, born April 10, 1732, died April 14, 1735,
- IV. JOSHUA<sup>4</sup> LAWRENCE, born February 8, 1735, died November 16, 1735,
- V. JONATHAN<sup>4</sup> LAWRENCE, born September 23, 1737, died November 30, 1737,
- VI. EUNICE<sup>4</sup> LAWRENCE, born September 19, 1738, married November 17, 1768, Isaac, son of Deacon Isaac and Elizabeth (Childs) Stearns; he

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was born at Waltham, January 18, 1736; she died childless, February 8, 1802,

VII. MARY<sup>4</sup> LAWRENCE, born in 1743, died young,

VIII. GEORGE<sup>4</sup> LAWRENCE,

IX. MARY<sup>4</sup> LAWRENCE, baptized December 14, 1755, married February 14, 1782, John Herrick from Andover, Mass.; they had,

- (1) ISAAC<sup>5</sup> HERRICK, who was "baptized at Waltham, May 24, 1789, at the age of four years, a child of the widow Herrick."

JOHN<sup>3</sup> LAWRENCE, son of George<sup>2</sup> (George<sup>1</sup>) and Mary Lawrence, was born in Watertown, February 20, 1703/4. His farm was in Waltham, and he married, January 24, 1734, Mary, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Harrington) Hammond. She was born February 4, 1715. He died August 23, 1770.

### THEY HAD CHILDREN,

I. ANNA<sup>4</sup> LAWRENCE, born January 30, 1735, married April 1, 1756, Captain Edward, son of Edward and Anna (Bullard) Harrington; he was born May 22, 1735. He commanded a company at the battle of Ticonderoga, where he died September 23, 1776; they had Children,

- (1) EDWARD<sup>5</sup> HARRINGTON, born May 20, 1758,
- (2) SUSANNA<sup>5</sup> HARRINGTON, born November 23, 1759, died young,
- (3) LUCY<sup>5</sup> HARRINGTON, born in 1761, baptized August 9, 1761,
- (4) SUSANNA<sup>5</sup> HARRINGTON, born April 24, 1764,

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- (5) JACOB<sup>5</sup> HARRINGTON, born April 23, 1772, died young,
  - (6) JACOB<sup>5</sup> HARRINGTON, born October 14, 1775,
- II. SARAH<sup>4</sup> LAWRENCE, born July 21, 1737, married June 15, 1762, Josiah, son of Ensign David and Rebecca Whitney; he was born in Waltham, November 22, 1730, died December 3, 1800; she died September 14, 1794; they had Children,
- (1) SARAH<sup>5</sup> WHITNEY, born April 18, 1763,
  - (2) JOSIAH<sup>5</sup> WHITNEY, born June 23, 1765,
  - (3) RHODA<sup>5</sup> WHITNEY, born August 22, 1768,
  - (4) JONATHAN<sup>5</sup> WHITNEY, born May 8, 1772,
  - (5) ANNE<sup>5</sup> WHITNEY, born in 1775, baptized April 2, 1775,
  - (6) LUCY<sup>5</sup> WHITNEY, baptized July 28, 1776,
- III. JOHN<sup>4</sup> LAWRENCE, born November 30, 1740, married April 16, 1765, Sarah Fiske, daughter of Captain Thomas and Mary (Pierce) Fiske; born at Watertown, September 19, 1745; she was dismissed to Concord, Mass., January 17, 1803; they resided at Waltham; they had Children,
- (1) AMOS<sup>5</sup> LAWRENCE, born November 1, 1766, died young,
  - (2) JOHN<sup>5</sup> LAWRENCE, born October 28, 1769, died young,
  - (3) JOSHUA<sup>5</sup> LAWRENCE, born November 6, 1770,
  - (4) SARAH<sup>5</sup> LAWRENCE, born July 13, 1772,
  - (5) MARY<sup>5</sup> LAWRENCE, baptized July 10, 1774,
  - (6) AMOS<sup>5</sup> LAWRENCE, baptized November 10, 1776,
  - (7) ABIGAIL<sup>5</sup> LAWRENCE, baptized February 21, 1779,
- IV. ABIGAIL<sup>4</sup> LAWRENCE, born December 6, 1744, married June 7, 1763, Jonathan, son of Captain Thomas and Mary (Pierce) Fiske, born May 14,

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1735, died March 30, 1787; she died October 21, 1803; they had Children,

- (1) PHINEHAS<sup>5</sup> FISKE, born December 27, 1765,
- (2) JONATHAN<sup>5</sup> FISKE, born December 14, 1767,
- (3) JACOB<sup>5</sup> FISKE, born January 13, 1770,
- (4) SUSANNA<sup>5</sup> FISKE, born January 30, 1774,
- (5) ABIGAIL<sup>5</sup> FISKE, born February 11, 1776,
- (6) AVIS<sup>5</sup> FISKE, born April 6, 1778,
- (7) MARY<sup>5</sup> FISKE, born May 18, 1780,
- (8) THOMAS<sup>5</sup> FISKE, baptized April 13, 1785.

WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> LAWRENCE, son of George<sup>2</sup> (George<sup>1</sup>) and Mary Lawrence, was born at Watertown, May 30, 1711. His estate was in that part of Watertown which, later, was incorporated as Weston. He married, November 28, 1734, Mary, the sixth child of Samuel and Margaret (Traine) Perry. She was born at Watertown, September 7, 1718.

### THEY HAD CHILDREN,

- I. SAMUEL<sup>4</sup> LAWRENCE, born August 7, 1735, married, in 1758, Mary Clarke of Medfield, Mass.,
- II. MARY<sup>4</sup> LAWRENCE, who married April 18, 1758, Isaac, son of Isaac and Grace (Harrington) Gregory, and remained at Watertown; they had Children,
  - (1) ISAAC<sup>5</sup> GREGORY, born September 1, 1759,
  - (2) ABIGAIL<sup>5</sup> GREGORY, born October 29, 1761,
  - (3) MARY<sup>5</sup> GREGORY, born December 22, died December 29, 1762,
  - (4) SAMUEL<sup>5</sup> GREGORY, born March 22, 1764,

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- (5) DANIEL<sup>5</sup> GREGORY, born June 25, 1765,
  - (6) MARY<sup>5</sup> GREGORY, born and died in 1767,
  - (7) JOSIAH<sup>5</sup> GREGORY, born August 9, 1768,
  - (8) ELISHA<sup>5</sup> GREGORY, born at Lincoln, Mass., October 19, 1770,
  - (9) ANNA<sup>5</sup> GREGORY, born December 13, 1771, died in 1773,
  - (10) MARY<sup>5</sup> GREGORY, born March 31, died July 2, 1773,
- III. ABIGAIL<sup>4</sup> LAWRENCE (twin), born May 7, 1739,
- IV. MERCY<sup>4</sup> LAWRENCE (twin), born May 7, 1739,
- V. WILLIAM<sup>4</sup> LAWRENCE, born June 1, 1741, married October 13, 1763, Hannah Hammond,
- VI. JOSIAH<sup>4</sup> LAWRENCE, born July 16, 1744, died young,
- VII. JOSIAH<sup>4</sup> LAWRENCE, born September 29, 1745,
- VIII. DANIEL<sup>4</sup> LAWRENCE, born September 29, 1747, married Betsey (Elizabeth) Greaves,
- IX. JONATHAN<sup>4</sup> LAWRENCE, born February 1, 1750, married August 11, 1773, Lucy Moore of Sudbury, Mass.

DANIEL<sup>4</sup> LAWRENCE, son of William<sup>3</sup> (George,<sup>2</sup> George<sup>1</sup>) and Mary (Perry) Lawrence, was born in that part of Watertown which became the present town of Weston, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, September 29, 1747. About the year 1772, desiring to make a new home for himself in the lately-settled region of southern New Hampshire, he bought lot No. 5, in the tract of land lying in the fifth range of lots where the town of Marlboro' now stands. He

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began to hew away the heavy forests, clear the land, and build a log house, when there was a call to arms at the beginning of the Revolutionary War. Throwing down ax and plow, he hurried back to his native town, joined his kinsmen there at Weston, and first enlisted in Captain Samuel Lamson's Company, in the Weston Militia, on the alarm of April 19, 1775. Here he served three days, then received his discharge. He re-enlisted in Captain Nathaniel Fuller's Company, in Colonel William Bond's Regiment, when his name appears on a company's return dated at Camp Prospect Hill October 6, 1775. Receiving his discharge from this company, his name again occurs in Captain Asahel Wheeler's Company, in Colonel John Robinson's Regiment, on a roll dated March 4, 1776, where he served one month and twenty-eight days. He was one of the privates detached to fortify Bunker Hill and fought there under Colonel Prescott. Receiving an honorable discharge, he left the army and returned to Weston.

Daniel<sup>4</sup> Lawrence published his marriage intention at Weston, December 5, 1772, and was married there by the Rev. Samuel Woodward on April 22, 1772, to Betsey (Elizabeth) Greaves, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Smith)

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Greaves. She was born at Sudbury, May 16, 1741. This same year they were admitted members of the First Church at Weston.

As soon as Daniel<sup>4</sup> Lawrence received his discharge from the army, he loaded his few household effects on an ox team and started on his toilsome way across Massachusetts, over the border to southern New Hampshire, to the lot on which he had begun the clearing in Marlboro'. After a successful, laborious life, he died there July 13, 1832. His widow, Betsey (Elizabeth), daughter of James and Elizabeth (Smith) Greaves, was on the Sudbury town record as having been born there May 16, 1741; the family gives the birth as in 1739. With her brother, Samuel, she received a legacy by the will of her uncle, Edward Smith of Natick, Massachusetts, in 1744. The next record of her early life is in the household of "Landlord Howe" at Sudbury Inn. Like all New England farmers' daughters, she was well trained in all the multifarious duties of the farm, where she was made capable, self-reliant, and whence she sought her independent way to take office at the inn.

This "Wayside Inn," as christened by Longfellow, was the fifth tavern built on the Boston road and was the last on that thoroughfare this

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side of Marlboro'. It was built by Daniel Howe, who, in 1702, received a grant of a farm of one hundred and thirty acres from his father, Samuel Howe, and on this lot he immediately began building, the workers seeking safety from the Indians at night by going to the Parmenter Garrison, a half mile distant. The stout timbers were cut from the adjacent forests and were stanchly laid to serve both as a home and as a garrison in time of need. It was spacious, sturdy, standing near Hop Brook, Nobscot Hill, and close by the main traveled road, having a warm, southerly exposure, its gables overshadowed by mighty trees, the eaves running east and west, and the trees casting their flecking shadows over its one hundred and eighty windows. The front door opened on a wide hall, with the bar on one side showing a high counter where mugs of flip and foaming cider were tossed down thirsty throats, leading into the broad, cheery kitchen, with its huge fireplace hung with brawny cranes, and tall wooden settles at its sides which served as cozy shelters to the storm-driven travelers. Here the dwellers of Nobscot and Peakham lounged away evening hours, the landlord of the times always being a man of note, skilled as a host, for all comers were his guests,

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ready of wit, meeting the weary men who lumbered down from the heavy stage, and with a hearty hand shake for the teamsters and men from the market side.

Nor were the several members of his staff behind him in cordiality. Among these stood Betsey Greaves, a slender girl of slight stature, a noticeably handsome face, and dark, bright eyes, who soon gave special heed to young Daniel Lawrence, who, with his wagon piled with produce from the thrifty farm or on his strong horse, tarried on his way to enjoy the cheer. The greetings grew more and more friendly, until they agreed that she would become a gladsome, blithe mistress for the home he would build.

Some of her kinsfolks were settled at Weston, whither she sped and where they were married, becoming members of the First Church, and where their two little daughters were born and one buried. Here she watched while he was away at the clearing, then during the agonies of the "fights" that drew the impetuous young father from his home making; coming unscathed, Daniel Lawrence seated this helpful young wife on his wain and they joined their labors in the wilderness. Despite her spare figure, her cheery spirit and vigorous mind carried her stoutly

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through all the days and nights of never-ending toil, until she well-nigh saw a century of burdened days crowning her happy life; she died October 29, 1840.

### THEY HAD CHILDREN,

- I. ELIZABETH<sup>5</sup> LAWRENCE, born at Weston in 1773, was buried there at the age of one year and six months,
- II. POLLY<sup>5</sup> LAWRENCE, born at Weston in 1774, married at Marlboro' Hugh Thompson, of that Thompson family which came with the Ulster County men from Ireland; settled at Rutland, Mass.; with her husband she went to Maine,
- III. BETSEY<sup>5</sup> LAWRENCE, born at Marlboro' in 1777, married George, son of Enoch and Betsey (Blackington) Starkey of Swansey and Troy, New Hampshire,
- IV. DANIEL<sup>6</sup> LAWRENCE, born at Marlboro' in 1779, married November 25, 1802, "Sukey" Moore of the Moore family from Marlboro', Mass.; they went to Albany, New York,
- V. LUCY<sup>5</sup> LAWRENCE, born in 1781, married July 29, 1802, Josiah Coolidge, from Sullivan, New Hampshire,
- VI. JOHN<sup>5</sup> LAWRENCE, born 1783, married March 4, 1806, Urania, daughter of Jacob and Anne (Finney) Newell from Richmond, New Hampshire; she was born at Marlboro', August 28, 1786, died there in 1849; he married (2) Mrs.

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Eliza Hayden; he died on the home farm; Children, all by the first wife,

- (1) LOUISA<sup>6</sup> LAWRENCE, born in 1806, died young,
- (2) ANN<sup>6</sup> LAWRENCE, born in 1807,
- (3) CLARISSA<sup>6</sup> LAWRENCE, born in 1809, died young,
- (4) IRENA<sup>6</sup> LAWRENCE, born in 1810, died in 1842,
- (5) SIMON<sup>6</sup> LAWRENCE, born in 1812,
- (6) BETSEY<sup>6</sup> LAWRENCE, born in 1814,
- (7) JOHN<sup>6</sup> LAWRENCE, born in 1816,
- (8) HOUGHTON<sup>6</sup> LAWRENCE, born in 1818,
- (9) CYNTHIA<sup>6</sup> LAWRENCE, born in 1820, died in 1840,
- (10) SARAH<sup>6</sup> LAWRENCE, born in 1822,
- (11) HARVEY<sup>6</sup> LAWRENCE, born in 1825,
- (12) ALMIRA<sup>6</sup> LAWRENCE, born in 1826.



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SAMUEL WAITE	= MARY LORD
JOHN WAITE	= MARY HILLS
SAMUEL WAITE	= MEHITABLE BUCKNAM
MEHITABLE WAITE	= ANDREW STARKEY

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RICHARD WAITE	= ELIZABETH —
JOHN WAITE	= RUTH —
WILLIAM WAITE	= MEHITABLE STARKEY

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**S**AMUEL<sup>1</sup> WAITE, of Wethersfield, Essex County, England, married Mary, daughter of Rev. John and Susannah Lord of Haverhill, Suffolk County, England.

#### THEY HAD CHILDREN,

- I. MARY<sup>2</sup> WAITE, who married in England, Robert Lord,
- II. SAMUEL<sup>2</sup> WAITE, who married Helen Crosse,
- III. JOHN<sup>2</sup> WAITE, born about 1618,
- IV. JOSEPH<sup>2</sup> WAITE, who married Margaret, daughter of Matthew Lawrence,
- V. ANNE<sup>2</sup> WAITE,
- VI. THOMAS<sup>2</sup> WAITE,
- VII. SUSAN<sup>2</sup> WAITE, who married Mr. Redington,
- VIII. ABIGAIL<sup>2</sup> WAITE, twin,
- IX. SARAH<sup>2</sup> WAITE, a twin with Abigail.

JOHN<sup>2</sup> WAITE, son of Samuel<sup>1</sup> and Susannah Waite, married in England, Mary, daughter of Joseph and Rose (Clarke) Hills. Joseph Hills was born at Great Bursted, Billericay, England;

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married Rose Clarke, July 22, 1624, and, with his family, came in the ship "Susan and Ellen," July, 1638, and settled at Mystic Side, Charlestown, now Malden, Massachusetts. He compiled and perfected the manuscript of the First Body of Laws of Massachusetts and was sent as deputy to the House of Deputies. His son-in-law, Captain John<sup>2</sup> Waite, "was allowed by the Colony a payment of four pounds, eighteen shillings, for his writing our books of the laws and for finding paper for both books." These were the first body of laws established in New England. After John<sup>2</sup> Waite was settled at Malden, he held important town offices; was elected town clerk, captain of the train band, commissioner to "end small causes," and succeeded his father-in-law as deputy to the House of Deputies, where he served during eighteen sessions. In 1678 he was at the head of the troops which marched to meet the regiments sent by Major Pyncheon from Springfield to Marlboro', with full instructions that, should an emergency arise, he was to take full control. In 1680 he was one of a committee to revise the laws. In 1681, together with the Deputy Governor, Israel Stoughton, and several others, he was chosen to prepare directions for the agents of the Colony who were to be sent to

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England; and in 1684 he was selected Speaker of the House of Deputies.

Mary (Hills) Waite was baptized at Great Bursted, November 13, 1625; died at Malden, November 25, 1674. Captain John<sup>2</sup> Waite died there September 26, 1693, aged seventy-five years. He had served as deputy nineteen years.

### THEY HAD CHILDREN,

- I. (CAPTAIN) JOHN<sup>3</sup> WAITE, who married Sarah Mussey,
- II. JOSEPH<sup>3</sup> WAITE, who married (1) Hannah Oakes; married (2) Mercy Tufts,
- III. SAMUEL<sup>3</sup> WAITE, born October 11, 1650,
- IV. MARY<sup>3</sup> WAITE, born August 31, 1653,
- V. HANNAH<sup>3</sup> WAITE, born September 9, 1656,
- VI. MEHITABLE<sup>3</sup> WAITE, born September 15, 1658,
- VII. THOMAS<sup>3</sup> WAITE, born September 1, 1660,
- VIII. REBECCA<sup>3</sup> WAITE, born November 22, 1662,
- IX. SARAH<sup>3</sup> WAITE,
- X. NATHANIEL<sup>3</sup> WAITE, born May 27, 1667.

SAMUEL<sup>3</sup> WAITE, son of Captain John<sup>2</sup> (Samuel<sup>1</sup>) and Mary (Hills) Waite, was born at Malden, October 11, 1650; remained there and married before 1680, Mehitable, daughter of William and Sarah Bucknam. She was born at Mystic Side, August, 1654; died at Malden, Sep-

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tember 17, 1734. He died there September 20, 1720, at the age of seventy years.

### THEY HAD CHILDREN,

- I. SAMUEL<sup>4</sup> WAITE, junior, born about 1680,
- II. WILLIAM<sup>4</sup> WAITE, born about 1682,
- III. JOHN<sup>4</sup> WAITE,
- IV. MARY<sup>4</sup> WAITE, who married John Hutchinson,
- V. MEHITABLE<sup>4</sup> WAITE, born December 12, 1686, married, probably at Malden, Andrew Starkey. That Andrew Starkey, an orphan and seemingly without relatives, should have married into the family of a man who held such a prominent public standing, seems very positively to prove that he himself possessed a fair position in the community, where a very decidedly aristocratic spirit prevailed,
- VI. SARAH<sup>4</sup> WAITE, who married January 27, 1713/4, Jonathan Tufts,
- VII. TABITHA<sup>4</sup> WAITE, born about 1692,
- VIII. EDWARD<sup>4</sup> WAITE, born December 2, 1694,
- IX. JABEZ<sup>4</sup> WAITE, born March 2, 1695/6.

## THE SECOND FAMILY OF WAITE IN THE STARKEY LINES

RICHARD<sup>1</sup> WAITE, a tailor, was admitted to the First Church of Boston, August 28, 1634, with his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Waite. November 30, 1637, he was disarmed as one of the sym-

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pathizers in the Wheelwright Controversy, which raged so violently at Boston. He was a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, the oldest in America; signed the petition for the incorporation of Wollaston from Boston, May 13, 1640; became a sergeant, July 26, 1647; was sent as a messenger to the Chief Sachem of the Narragansett Indians in 1647, and again on April 8, 1653; was appointed Commissary of the Horse, October 3, 1654, on the Narragansett expedition and received a grant of three hundred acres of land in the region which is now covered by the town of Framingham for his services in the Pequot War.

Richard<sup>1</sup> Waite married (1) Elizabeth ——, who was dismissed from the First Church of Newbury, Massachusetts, to the First Church of Boston. She died in 1651. He married (2) Rebecca Hepburne. He died September 17, 1680, at the age of eighty-four years, and was buried at King's Chapel, Boston.

### CHILDREN BY THE FIRST WIFE,

- I. JOSEPH<sup>2</sup> WAITE, who died November 20, 1651, at the age of fourteen years,
- II. ISAAC<sup>2</sup> WAITE, born August 9, 1638,
- III. RETURNE<sup>2</sup> WAITE, born September 14, 1641,
- IV. HANNAH<sup>2</sup> WAITE,

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- v. NATHANIEL<sup>2</sup> WAITE, baptized November 5, 1643,  
at the age of eleven days,
- vi. MARY<sup>2</sup> WAITE, baptized February 22, 1645, at the  
age of six days,
- vii. SAMUEL<sup>2</sup> WAITE, baptized July 9, 1648, at the age  
of twenty days,
- viii. ELIZABETH<sup>2</sup> WAITE, baptized November 17, 1650,

### CHILDREN BY THE SECOND WIFE,

- ix. JOHN<sup>2</sup> WAITE, born November 1, 1653, died No-  
vember, 1658,
- x. ABIGAIL<sup>2</sup> WAITE, who married (1) Thomas Jones,  
married (2) Thomas Atkins,
- xi. RICHARD<sup>2</sup> WAITE, born December 16, 1658,
- xii. JOHN<sup>2</sup> WAITE, born February 9, 1660,
- xiii. REBECCA<sup>2</sup> WAITE, born January 3, 1663,
- xiv. SARAH<sup>2</sup> WAITE, born June 23, 1665.

JOHN<sup>2</sup> WAITE, son of Richard<sup>1</sup> and Rebecca (Hepburne) Waite, was born February 9, 1660. As a ship joiner, or carpenter, he held a residence at Charlestown, Massachusetts. He married Ruth, daughter of —, at Charlestown. She was born —; died December 28, 1721, aged fifty-two years. He died there January 29, 1704/5.

### THEY HAD CHILDREN,

- i. JOHN<sup>3</sup> WAITE, born February 3, 1690/1, died  
April 14, 1691,
- ii. RICHARD<sup>3</sup> WAITE, born February 27, 1692/3,

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- III. JOHN<sup>3</sup> WAITE, born February 3, 1695,
- IV. RUTH<sup>3</sup> WAITE, born February 22, 1698/9, died March 11, 1698/9,
- v. WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> WAITE, born June 29, 1700, married July, 1730, Mehitable, daughter of Andrew and Mehitable (Waite) Starkey; she was born at Attleboro', May, 1709, died March 23, 1773, at Medford, Mass., where they resided; he died there June 24, 1750, childless.

## THE BALCOM TABLE

ALEXANDER BALCOM	=	JANE HOLBROOK
ALEXANDER BALCOM	=	SARAH WOODCOCK
KATHERINE BALCOM	=	ANDREW STARKEY

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THIS surname is supposed to have been derived from the town of Balcombe, Sussex County, England, in which the parish church was dedicated in 1299 and where the family of this name was on record before 1540. In 1661 Alexander Balcom was a tenant of a house at Portsmouth, Providence County, Rhode Island. July 14, 1686, he purchased a tract of land at Wesquadonsett, twelve miles north from Providence; November 13, 1702, he bought another lot of eighteen acres, and on April 20, 1703, still a third lot. His residence ther was in that part of Providence which was incorporated as Smithfield; there his will was drawn May 31, 1711, and was presented at Court by his son, John Balcom, November 20, 1712. In that he mentioned his wife, Mrs. Jane Balcom; his eldest son, Alexander; his daughters, Katherine Jenckes and Sarah Sheldon; his sons, John, Freegift, and Joseph; his daughter, Hannah; his

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son, Samuel; and his daughters, Deborah and Lidea.

Alexander<sup>1</sup> Balcom, senior, married Jane, daughter of William and Elizabeth Holbrook of Portsmouth and Providence. He was deputy from Providence in 1683 and died May 4, 1711.

### THEY HAD CHILDREN,

- I. ALEXANDER<sup>2</sup> BALCOM, junior,
- II. CATHERINE<sup>2</sup> (KATHERINE), who married Daniel, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Jenckes; he was born April 19, 1663, died in 1736; she died in 1729; they had Children,

- (1) MARY<sup>3</sup> JENCKES,
- (2) ELIZABETH<sup>3</sup> JENCKES,
- (3) ABIGAIL<sup>3</sup> JENCKES, born July 8, 1696,
- (4) MARTHA<sup>3</sup> JENCKES, born August 5, 1698,
- (5) SUSANNAH<sup>3</sup> JENCKES, born May 24, 1700,
- (6) DANIEL<sup>3</sup> JENCKES, born March 12, 1702,
- (7) HANNAH<sup>3</sup> JENCKES, born February 15, 1704,
- (8) RUTH<sup>3</sup> JENCKES, born December 9, 1705,
- (9) JOSEPH<sup>3</sup> JENCKES, born March 5, 1709,

- III. SARAH<sup>2</sup> BALCOM, who married Timothy, son of John and Joan (Vincent) Sheldon; he was born March 29, 1661, died in 1744; they had Children,

- (1) MARTHA<sup>3</sup> SHELDON, born May 5, 1687,
- (2) TIMOTHY<sup>3</sup> SHELDON, born March 1, 1689,
- (3) DANIEL<sup>3</sup> SHELDON, born January 29, 1691,
- (4) MARY<sup>3</sup> SHELDON, born August 1, 1693,

- IV. JOHN<sup>2</sup> BALCOM, born in 1678, married Sarah

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Bartlett, who died November 19, 1756; he died January 30, 1739,

- V. FREEGIFT<sup>2</sup> BALCOM, who died unmarried,
- VI. JOSEPH<sup>2</sup> BALCOM, who removed to Mendon, Mass.; married and died in 1730,
- VII. HANNAH<sup>2</sup> BALCOM, who married February 22, 1716, Ebenezer Hayward; they had Children,
  - (1) SARAH<sup>3</sup> HAYWARD,
  - (2) JOHN<sup>3</sup> HAYWARD,
  - (3) DEBORAH<sup>3</sup> HAYWARD,
  - (4) DANIEL<sup>3</sup> HAYWARD,
- VIII. DEBORAH<sup>2</sup> BALCOM, who married — Arnold; they had Children,
  - (1) AARON<sup>3</sup> ARNOLD,
  - (2) NOAH<sup>3</sup> ARNOLD,
  - (3) DANIEL<sup>3</sup> ARNOLD,
  - (4) DAVID<sup>3</sup> ARNOLD,
- IX. SAMUEL<sup>2</sup> BALCOM,
- X. LYDIA<sup>2</sup> BALCOM, who married April 14, 1701, Daniel Hix, born in 1660, died March 21, 1746; they had Children,
  - (1) ELIHU<sup>3</sup> HIX,
  - (2) TABITHA<sup>3</sup> HIX,
  - (3) ISABEL<sup>3</sup> HIX.

ALEXANDER<sup>2</sup> BALCOM, junior, son of Alexander<sup>1</sup> and Jane Balcom, was born —. He took the Freeman's Oath at Providence, May, 1682. May 29, 1701, he bought land at Attleboro' from his father-in-law, William Woodcock. February 17, 1707, he purchased another tract from

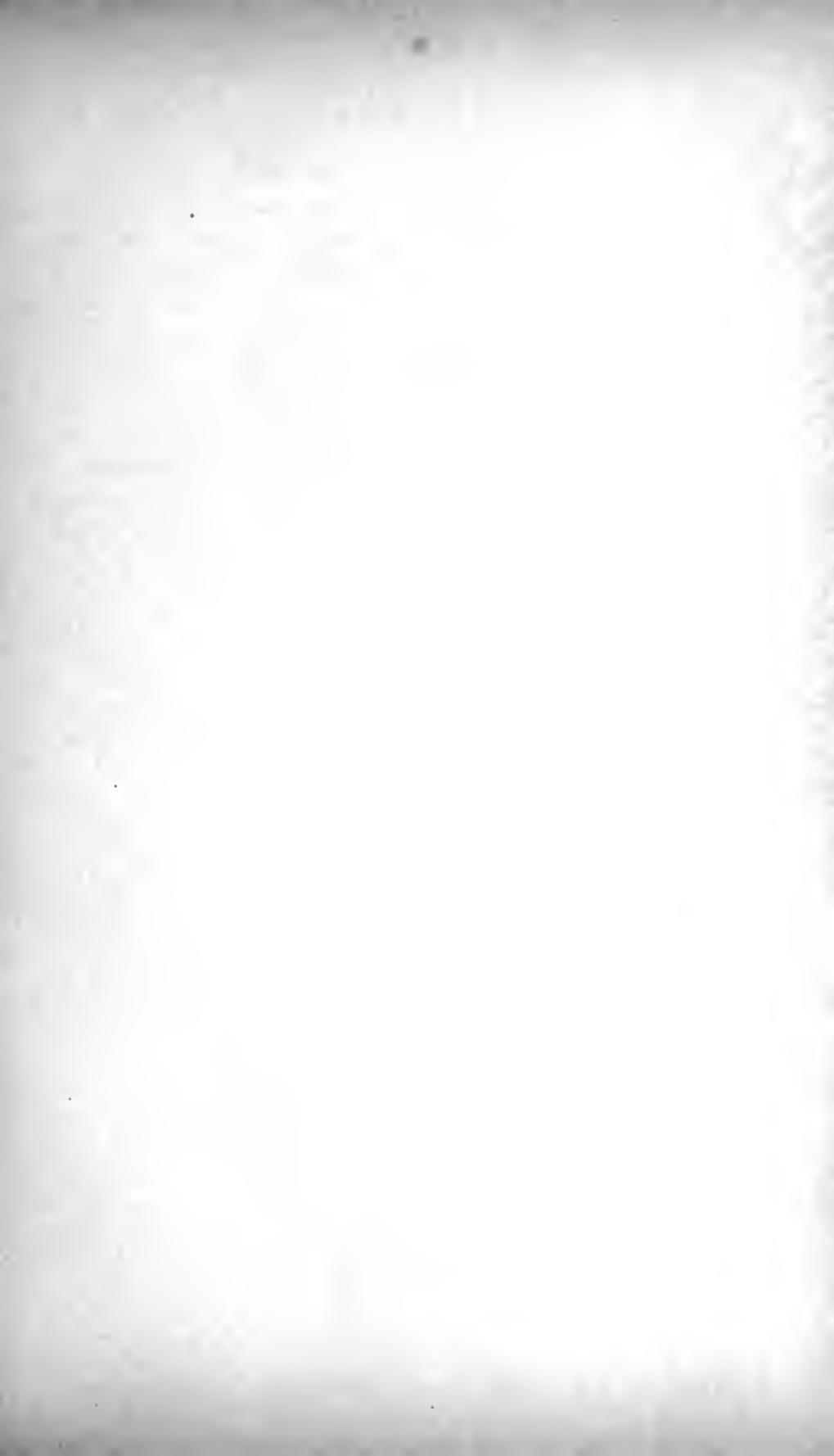
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the widow, Mrs. Mary Woodcock, who signed with Jonathan and Mary Freeman, Miriam Woodcock, Baruck and Alice Bucklin of Rehoboth, and Thomas and Ann (Woodcock) Fuller. July 12, 1715, he took a deed of land from Andrew Starkey at Attleboro'. He removed to Attleboro' before 1692 and married Sarah, daughter of William and Mary Woodcock, who was born at Rehoboth. They resided at Attleboro', where he died January 31, 1727/8, and the inventory of his estate was taken February, 1727/8.

### THEY HAD CHILDREN,

- I. WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> BALCOM, born September 3, 1692,
- II. KATHERINE<sup>3</sup> BALCOM, born February 7, 1694, married February 2, 1717/8, Andrew Starkey. This date seems to bring the birth of her husband somewhere about 1690, or even in 1688 or so,
- III. ALEXANDER<sup>3</sup> BALCOM, born April 14, 1696,
- IV. JOHN<sup>2</sup> BALCOM, born April 29, 1699,
- V. BARUCK<sup>3</sup> BALCOM, born June 12, 1702,
- VI. SARAH<sup>3</sup> BALCOM, born February 8, 1703/4,
- VII. JOSEPH<sup>3</sup> BALCOM, born February 23, 1705/6.



## THE GREAVES—GRAVES TABLE

HENRY GREAVES	= MARGARET ——
JOHN GREAVES	= SARAH MALTER
THOMAS GREAVES	= CATHERINE (MYLES) GREY
JOSEPH GREAVES	= ELIZABETH MAYNARD
SAMUEL GREAVES	= ANNE ——
JAMES GREAVES	= ELIZABETH SMITH
BETSEY GREAVES	= DANIEL LAWRENCE

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THIS family of shipwrights and mariners was early seated on the waterside of that parish of London which included Stepney and Limehouse Ratcliff. This parish of Stepney claims to have been held long before the Norman conquest, and was first known in the time of the Saxons as Stebenhurstheath ("heath" meaning a port or harbor); and the earliest mention of a rector of that parish was in 1233. In 1300 Stepney covered one large parish extending from the city to the river Lea and from the Thames to Hackney, and was, from that period, the center of shipbuilding. (*Memorials of Stepney Parish*, pp. III, XIII.)

In 1594 Thomas Greves was a parishioner of Lymehurst Hamlet. Henry<sup>1</sup> Greaves of Stepney died before 1590 and his widow, Mrs. Margaret Greaves, administered his estate July 8, 1590.

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His son, Thomas<sup>2</sup> Greaves of Limehouse, shipwright, drew his will April 20, 1603, and this was carried to Probate on June 20, 1603. In that he desired to be buried in Stepney church-yard; named his eldest daughter, Marie, then under twenty-one years of age; his daughter, Rebecca; his son, Matthew; his brother, John Greaves, and the children of this brother; his sister, Joan; Grace Lane, daughter of his sister, Marie Lane, deceased; his mother, Mrs. Margaret Masters; his sister, Hester Cocke; and his wife, Joane.

The will of his brother, John<sup>2</sup> Greaves of Limehouse, was drawn August 13, "13th. Charles (1637)," and was proved December 15, 1637, and ran as follows: "To be buried in the eastern end of Stepney Church yard on the south side of the church as near my first wife and children as conveniently may be; to wife Mary lease of the house now in tenure of Mr. Richard Elli, mariner, and in possession of John Shawe, mariner; to Anne Shawe and her heirs; after my wife's decease the Elli house to return to my son John Greaves who I had by her; to wife Mary the lease of my four new houses lately built held of lease of Mr. James and so much of the wharf as is now laid out and enclosed for the use of the

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said house; if she marry, to my son John and daughter Mary Greaves whom I had by her; to the children of my first wife; to wife Mary lease of my six houses, tenements in Limehouse yard which I had of John Marsh, also lease of house at Shadwell and other property, all of which is for the maintenance and bringing up of the children John and Mary; they also to have £50. one third plate and one third dwelling in the yard; son John £5. per year out of the yard near the Limehouse kiln; to sons William, Abraham and Nathaniel, the lease I took of Mr. James excepting the four new houses above mentioned; to widow Andrews and widow Rowland and Langham occupants of the tenements; to son Robert Greaves £50. when twenty one and £5. per year out of my lower yard.

“To John, William and Rebecca, children of my son Thomas Graves £50. each when twenty one; to Sarah and Rebecca, children of my son William Greaves, ditto; to son Matthew Greaves a house; to son Joseph Greaves when twenty one, a house in Cooper Lane, London, in occupation of William Dorritt; also such household stuff as I had by his mother; also £50, £20. whereof was a legacy from his grandmother; to daughter Rebecca, Margaret £30 and to her

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daughter Anne, Margaret £10. when twenty one; to daughter Anne Shawe £30. and to her daughter Sarah Shawe £10. when twenty one; to grand child John Greaves £20. when twenty one; to sister Dicie 40 sh.; to her daughter 20 sh.; to cousin Matthew Graves 20 sh.; to cousin Rebecca Purzey 20 sh.; he mentioned ships and shipping; the other two thirds to be divided between my children by my first wife

“to son John the house and lands in Bridges, parish of Brixley, Kent and at Blendon and when twenty one £12.; to daughter Mary when twenty one £100.; to son Thomas and his heirs the house where I now dwell near Dickshaw in Limehouse; to son William and his heirs male one third of the dock, yard, wharf, and crane lying near Dickshaw aforesaid as far as it is boarded with the new red house and way under it by the house that is tiled and occupied by John Askew, joiner; two thirds of said dock, yard wharf and crane to son Abraham and Nathaniel Greaves and if they die without heirs male, to the survivor. and if all three so die, to my sons Thomas, Matthew and Robert, in case either choose to sell to the others to have option of buying at £5. less than to any one else; to sons Abraham and Nathaniel £50. each and they

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to be freed from their apprenticeship indentures; to wife Mary all rents due from my servants. To the poor of Ham and Hookend 20 sh.; to Jacob Ashley 20. sh.; to every servant 10. sh. Sons Thomas and William Greaves and son George Margatte to be executors. Friends Anthony Titcher, Mr. John Ducie, Joseph Chapman, overseers.

(signed) August 1, 1637. JOHN GREAVES.

Witnesses

JOHN DUCIE

GEORGE HUTCHINSON,

JOHN EDNOR, SCR.

"Mem; 10 August 1632, John<sup>2</sup> Greaves etc. a customary tenant of the said manor house since the last Court day did surrender into the hands of the Lord of the manor by rodd according to the custom of the said manor by the hands of John Domelaw, head borowe or Cheise pledge in presence of William Pulbrey, Nichol Austin, Francis Holliday, John Watts, William Delton and Stephen Treford, all six customary tenants, etc. all such premises for the use of the last will and testament of the said John Greaves. Codicil. 17th, 1637. There being due to me from the Company of shipwrights £200. said sum is

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bequeathed to sons William, Abraham and Nathaniel Greaves.

"This will was proved 15th. Dec. 1637, by William Greaves and George Margatte, executors."

John<sup>2</sup> Greaves was a vestryman of the parish of Stepney, alias Stebunheth, County Middlesex, from 1603 to 1637. He married (1) April 6, 1597, Sarah Malter of Ratcliff. She died —. He married (2) June 24, 1624, Susan Hoxton. She died —. He married (3) May 18, 1630, Mrs. Mary Raymond of St. Mary Whitechapel, a widow. He died between August 1, 1637, and December 15, 1637.

### CHILDREN BY THE FIRST WIFE,

- I. WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> GREAVES, baptized February 1, 1597/8, died young,
- II. JOHN<sup>3</sup> GREAVES, baptized August 20, 1600, died young,
- III. SARAH<sup>3</sup> GREAVES, baptized December 3, 1602,
- IV. THOMAS<sup>3</sup> GREAVES, baptized June 16, 1605,
- V. REBECCA<sup>3</sup> GREAVES, baptized December 3, 1607,
- VI. MATTHEW<sup>3</sup> GREAVES, baptized March 5, 1608,
- VII. WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> GREAVES, baptized March 18, 1609, buried February 22, 1667,
- VIII. HENRY<sup>3</sup> GREAVES, baptized March 15, 1611,
- IX. ANNE<sup>3</sup> GREAVES, baptized April 11, 1613,
- X. SUSANNAH<sup>3</sup> GREAVES, baptized June 19, 1614,

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- XI. SAMUEL<sup>3</sup> GREAVES, baptized October 15, 1615,
- XII. ABRAHAM<sup>3</sup> GREAVES, baptized June 17, 1616/17,
- XIII. NATHANIEL<sup>3</sup> GREAVES, baptized June 17, 1618,
- XIV. ROBERT<sup>3</sup> GREAVES, under twenty-one in 1637.

Since John<sup>2</sup> Greaves says his son, John,<sup>3</sup> and daughter, Mary,<sup>3</sup> were children of his third wife, Mary, then we add:—

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- XV. JOHN<sup>3</sup> GREAVES,
- XVI. MARY<sup>3</sup> GREAVES.

REAR ADMIRAL THOMAS<sup>3</sup> GREAVES was a son of John<sup>2</sup> (Henry<sup>1</sup>) and Sarah (Malter) Greaves and was baptized in Stepney parish of London, June 16, 1605. From the port of Wapping to a berth on shipboard was the almost invariable fate of all the lads of that region of sailors and mariners, and we soon find Thomas Greaves as mate on the ship "Talbot" in 1629; then a mate on one of the vessels which brought Governor John Winthrop and his followers to Massachusetts Bay in 1630. He was the first Master of the ship "Tryal," the first vessel built in Massachusetts, and continued to command her for many years, making voyages between the new colony and the English ports. One of these was reported by Thomas Aspinwall, a notary public

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of Boston, on October 14, 1645, when there was brought "in the Tryal, Mr. Greaves, Master a large and valuable cargo of wines, hatts, dry goods of various kinds, one pack containing fifty bibles, thirty unbound, two hundred bibles in twelve sheets, two hundred in pastboard one smale pack containing twenty bibles with notes," pins, needles, vinegar, linen, potashes, together with a heterogeneous array of the articles so vital to the uses of the young settlement.

He continued in command of the "Tryal" up to 1650 or so. May 30, 1652, Parliament appointed him a Captain of the frigate "President." In 1653 he was put in command of the "St. Andrew" with three hundred and sixty men, fifty-six guns. In an engagement with the Dutch, July 31, 1653, off the Suffolk coast in the British Channel, he was killed and his body was conveyed, the day after the engagement, to the nearest seacoast town of Aldeburgh and buried there. On October 28, 1653, Parliament ordered a grant of one thousand pounds to his widow and children, who were living in Charlestown, Massachusetts, with the exception of his son, John, who was at Ham. To this son was committed the care of the will in which he had been appointed as one of its executors; from there, the

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will was sent to New England to be recorded in the Middlesex County Probate Court, and is now held at East Cambridge, the county seat of that county. The Greaves coat of arms with the sign of difference, a martlet, was always used by his son, Dr. Thomas<sup>t</sup> Greaves. This will was as follows:—

“This my last will and testament is that I do bequeath vnto my beloved wife Katherine Greaves my now dwelling house, scituate in Charlestown in New England for the term of her life, and also the one third of all my goods, Shipping & moneys and plate. I give and bequeath vnto my daughter Rebecca five pounds & to her child three pounds, I do bequeath vnto my son John my house scituate in Limehouse neare Dickshire, he paying One hundred Pounds to be payed the one third part of it to his mother my beloved wife, the other two thirds to be divided vnto my sonnes Thomas, Nathaniel Susan & Joseph, my will is that my land at Oburn (Woburn) in New England and land at Charles-town Neck and what goods, household stuff, shipping, plate or moneys I have be all valued with the one hundred Pounds. I Appoynt my sonn John to pay of all which my will is that my wife shall have one third part of, And the other

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two thirds to be Equally divided between my sonns Thomas, Nathaniel Susan and Joseph; last my desire is, that if the house at Limehouse which I do bequeath vnto my sonne John, he paying one hundred pound, be next vallued to be worth as much as double what will be of my estate dividable to my sonnes Thomas Nathaniel, Susan and Joseph, that then my sonn Jno shall pay lesse to be dividable as above mentioned for my desire is that my sonn Jno should have twice as much as the rest of my children, further I do bequeath vnto my sonn Thomas after his mother's decease, my now dwelling house, with all the garden & orchard there vnto belonging wch is scituate in Charlestown in New England, provided that my sonn Thomas pay vnto his sister Rebecca ten pound, Nathaniel Ten pound, Susannah ten pound, Joseph Ten pound

"I do Appoynt my beloved wife and my sonne John to be my executors and I do appoynt them to pay to the Church at Charlestown forty shillings and I do intreate my Brother Nowell & my Brother Ben. Lindes of Charlestown to be overseers of my will, and do give them Twenty shillings apeece, witness my hand this 31st of June 1652.

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"This last will of Mr. Thomas Greaves being kept by himself sealed up and delivered to his brother Abraham Greaves and presented by his relick, widow before the Deputy Governour and the rest of the Magistrates and by them Allowed & Approved the first of the 11th month, 1653"

Rear Admiral Thomas<sup>3</sup> Greaves owned one sixteenth part of the ship "Increase," three hundred and fifty-two acres of land at Woburn, Massachusetts, a house and one fifth of a house near Ham, England, and one half of a house "near Dickshore," England.

Thomas<sup>3</sup> Greaves married at Charlestown, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, Katherine, daughter of Mrs. Katherine (Myles-Grey) Coytmore, and widow of Thomas Coytmore.

The following indenture shows the various relations in this family:—

"An indenture between Catherine Coytmore, Increase Nowell of Charlestown wife Parnell, Thomas Greaves wife Katherine, mariner of Wapping, and Susannah Inglesfield, which Parnell, Katherine and Susannah are all daughters of Thomas Gray, of Harwich, County Essex, England, mariner to Robert Kidd, who held lands owned by Robert Myles of Sutton, County Suffolk, England, father of Katherine Grey

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Coytmore, of lands in Sutton Storkerland, Campsey, Houslye, Settleburgh, Ufford, Blacksall & any other townes, villages, hamlets or manor.

“Me Katherine Coytmore imp. de Wapping in Com. Midt. et nunc de Villa Caroli in Nova Anglia, viduam tener, etc. Willo Wiseman De Aula de Canfield in Com Essex Militi et Baronette in mille libris, etc. Nat. 308 Coram nobis John Winthrop et me Thomas Lechford.

“The Condicion of this obligation is such that whereas the said Katherine Coytmore together with Increase Nowell, Esq. and Parnell his wife and Thomas Graves, mariner, and Katherine his wife, and Mary Eaglesfield, daughter of Susanah, have by their deed indented, made between them on the one parte for the summe of five hundred and fifty pounds of lawfull money of England, aliened granted & enfeoffed and made their attourney Attorney for the surrendering the one moiety and halfendeale of certain ffreehold and Copyhold messuages lands tenements & hereditaments late of Robert Myles deceased, father of the said Katherine Coytmore & now or late in the occupation or possession of the said Robert Kidd, lying and being in the several Mannor or Mannore Townes villages or hamlets of Sutton, Sutton Storkerland and Campsey, Hous-

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lye, Settleburgh, Ufford, Blacksell or any other Mannor or Mannors, Townes, villages or hamlets within the County of Suffolke whatsoever unto the said Robert Kidd his heirs and assignes and unto his and their use for ever as by the said deed indented and Letter of Attorney both bearing date with these presents now at large it doth and may appear. And by the last will and testament of Thomas Grey, sometime husband of the said Katherine Coytmore, it is appointed, willed & desired that when the said lands and tenements should be sold by the said Katherine Coytmore, she should enter into one bond of a thousand pounds conditioned that shee should with the said moneys raised by the sale of said lands and tenements buy & purchase land for the use and behoof of the said Parnell and Katherine Greaves and Susan Eglesfield and their heires of which the said Susannah dying left the said Mary her daughter and heir. If therefore the said Katherine Coytmore shall accordingly with the said five hundred and fifty pounds purchase & buy land to and for their use & behoof of the said Parnell, Katharine and Mary and their heirs, Then this obligation shall be voyd" (*Thomas Lechford's Note Book*, pp. 26, 30, 35.)

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The following table shows this last line:—

Robert Myles of Sutton, England =

Thomas Grey ——	(1) Katherine Myles ——	(2) Thomas Coytmore of Harwich, England
Parnell Grey mar.	Katherine Grey mar.	Susannah Grey mar.
Increase Nowell	Thomas Greaves	— Inglesfield

REAR ADMIRAL THOMAS<sup>3</sup> AND KATHERINE (MYLES-GREY) GREAVES HAD CHILDREN,

- I. REBECCA<sup>4</sup> GREAVES, born in Charlestown (?), married Captain Samuel, son of Henry Adams of Braintree, Mass.; he was born in 1617/18, settled in Chelmsford, Mass., about 1688; she died in Charlestown, October 8, 1664; he married (2) May 7, 1668, Esther Sparhawk; he died January 24, 1688/9, and was buried in Charlestown; Children by the first wife,
  - (1) SAMUEL<sup>5</sup> ADAMS, born July 3, 1647,
  - (2) REBECCA<sup>5</sup> ADAMS, born —, married John Waldo,
  - (3) THOMAS<sup>5</sup> ADAMS, born in 1651/2,
  - (4) JOHN<sup>5</sup> ADAMS,
  - (5) KATHERINE<sup>5</sup> ADAMS, born October 29, 1657, died young,
  - (6) KATHERINE<sup>5</sup> ADAMS, born 11th, 4th, 1658, married John Reyner,
  - (7) SUSANNAH<sup>5</sup> ADAMS, born —, married Daniel Waldo,
  - (8) MARY<sup>5</sup> ADAMS, who married Samuel Webb,
  - (9) NATHANIEL<sup>5</sup> ADAMS,

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- (10) JOSEPH<sup>5</sup> ADAMS,  
(11) BENJAMIN<sup>5</sup> ADAMS,
- II. JOHN<sup>4</sup> GREAVES, who lived in Ham, England,  
III. (DR.) THOMAS<sup>4</sup> GREAVES, who married (1) Elizabeth Hackburne, widow of John Chickering; married (2) Sarah, widow of Samuel Alcock,  
IV. NATHANIEL<sup>4</sup> GREAVES, who was baptized 5th, 9th, 1638,  
V. SUSANNAH<sup>4</sup> GREAVES, born 8th, 6th, 1643, married November 18, 1669, Zechariah, son of Rev. Zachariah and Sarah Symmes; he was born in Charlestown, January 9 (12), 1637/8, was from Harvard in 1657; was settled as the pastor over parishes in Rehoboth and Bradford, Mass.; she died July 23, 1681; he married (2) November 26, 1683, Mehitable Dalton; he died in Bradford, March 22, 1707/8; Children by the first wife,  
(1) SUSANNAH<sup>5</sup> SYMMES, born October 17, 1670,  
(2) SARAH<sup>5</sup> SYMMES, born May 20, 1672,  
(3) ZECHARIAH<sup>5</sup> SYMMES, born March 13, 1674,  
(4) KATHERINE<sup>5</sup> SYMMES, born March 29, 1676,  
(5) THOMAS<sup>5</sup> SYMMES, born January 30 (February 1), 1677/8,  
(6) WILLIAM<sup>5</sup> SYMMES, born January 7, 1679/80,  
VI. JOSEPH<sup>4</sup> GREAVES.

DR. THOMAS<sup>4</sup> GREAVES, son of Rear Admiral Thomas<sup>3</sup> (John,<sup>2</sup> Henry<sup>1</sup>) and Catherine (Coytmore) Greaves, was born at Charlestown, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, in 1631/32. He entered Harvard College and received the degree

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of M.D. in 1657. He was a tutor for a few terms; entered the practice of medicine; was sent as a representative to the General Court of Massachusetts Bay Colony; and finally was appointed a judge.

He resided at Charlestown and married (1), May 16, 1677, Mrs. Elizabeth Hackburne, the widow of John Chickering. She died July 29, 1679. He married (2) in 15th, 3d, 1682, Sarah the widow of Samuel Alcock. He died May 30, 1697, and she married (3) in 1701 Captain John Phillips.

### CHILD BY THE FIRST WIFE,

- I. ELIZABETH<sup>5</sup> GREAVES, born 15th, 10th, 1678.

### CHILDREN BY THE SECOND WIFE,

- II. THOMAS<sup>5</sup> GREAVES, born in 1683, baptized 30th, 7th, 1685,
- III. DOROTHY<sup>5</sup> GREAVES, who married Samuel Burr.

NATHANIEL<sup>4</sup> GREAVES, son of Rear Admiral Thomas<sup>3</sup> (John,<sup>2</sup> Henry<sup>1</sup>) and Katherine (Coytmore) Greaves, was born at Charlestown, where he was baptized in the First Church in 5th, 9th, 1639. Like his father, he early entered the merchant service and rapidly rose to the grade of captaincy, sailing from Charlestown to England,

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the West Indies, and so on. In one of his voyages, as he was sailing from the coast of Scotland in command of the ketch "Mary and Elizabeth," he was seriously ill and died at sea, February 12, 1679/80.

He married at Charlestown, August 24, 1664, Elizabeth, the youngest daughter of Richard and Maude (Pitt) Russell. She was born at Charlestown, October 12, 1644. She married (2), in 1684, John Herbert, and died October 18, 1714.

### NATHANIEL GREAVES' CHILDREN,

- I. MAUD<sup>5</sup> GREAVES, who died April 7, 1667,
- II. NATHANIEL<sup>5</sup> GREAVES, born April 18, 1669, died young,
- III. KATHERINE<sup>5</sup> GREAVES, baptized 6th, 2d, 1673, married December 27, 1693, Captain Robert Knowles of the brigantine "Return," which lay at Bonairs in 1694; he died —; she married (2) November 25, 1702, Calvin Galpin of Charlestown, senior, a clothier; he died November 27, 1729, aged sixty years; Children by the first husband,
  - (1) ELIZABETH<sup>6</sup> KNOWLES, born 27th, 5th, 1695, married John Stanley,
  - (2) ROBERT<sup>6</sup> KNOWLES, born April 18, 1700, died about 1717,
  - (3) GRAVES KNOWLES, born May 14, 1702,

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Children by the second husband,

- (4) CALVIN<sup>6</sup> GALPIN,
- (5) KATHERINE<sup>6</sup> GALPIN, born October 20, 1704,
- (6) ELIZABETH<sup>6</sup> GALPIN, born March 22, 1706/7,
- (7) NATHANIEL<sup>6</sup> GALPIN, born August, 1709,
- (8) SUSANNAH<sup>6</sup> GALPIN, born March 28, 1712,

- IV. ELIZABETH<sup>5</sup> GREAVES, born 28, 1676, died 15th, 10th, 1676.
- V. NATHANIEL<sup>5</sup> GREAVES, born 14th, 2d, 1678. The following deed shows the fate of this son: "Nathaniel, son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Russell) Greaves, seaman, before going to sea, declared that his dear mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Harbor, should enjoy his part of the housing and garden in Charlestown, which was settled upon him by his father, and, at her death, it is to go to Elizabeth, only daughter of Robert and Katherine Knowles, said Katherine being the only child of the said Nathaniel Greaves."

JOSEPH<sup>4</sup> GREAVES, son of Rear Admiral Thomas<sup>3</sup> (John,<sup>2</sup> Henry<sup>1</sup>) and Katherine (Coytmore) Greaves, was born at Charlestown, but the record of his birth is not learned. On November 22, 1675, he was one of the proprietors in the new township of Sudbury, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. This place was largely owned by immigrants who came directly from England, while some proprietors in Watertown, an adjoining town, proposed establishing them-

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selves there, as their own town was much straitened for room.

About 1633 the townsmen voted to grant Mr. Stearns of Charlestown, an ironmonger and blacksmith, certain meadow lands and fire wood for the use of his family, as well as wood and coal for his smithy work, he, also, to take the privilege of using timber from the Commons to build his house and shop, it being the wont of the early settlers to offer great inducements to blacksmiths to become one of their number.

A few years later Joseph<sup>4</sup> Greaves, a blacksmith from Charlestown, was offered the same privileges—timber for the purpose of house building and to erect a blacksmith's shop, with the land needful; he there established himself and his family. He was one of the men who offered to "travel with horse and weekly to fetch and carry preachers to supply Sudbury at least every Lord's day with ministers."

He married (1) at Sudbury, Massachusetts, January 15, 1661, Elizabeth, daughter of John and Mary (Axtell) Maynard. She died at Sudbury, June 5, 1676. He married (2) in 1678 Mary, daughter of James and Mary (Goodnow) Ross. She was born at Sudbury, December 25, 1656.

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### CHILDREN BY THE FIRST WIFE,

- I. SAMUEL<sup>5</sup> GREAVES, born February 14, 1667,
- II. RICHARD<sup>5</sup> GREAVES, born April 7, 1672, married Joanna —,
- III. DELIVERANCE<sup>5</sup> GREAVES, born May 10, 1674,
- IV. JOHN<sup>5</sup> GREAVES, born —; married Mary Loker,

### CHILDREN BY THE SECOND WIFE,

- V. MARY<sup>5</sup> GREAVES, born May 30, 1680,
- VI. EBENEZER<sup>5</sup> GREAVES, born August 9, 1681, died February 28, 1681/2,
- VII. EBENEZER<sup>5</sup> GREAVES, born February 21, 1682, married Elizabeth —,
- VIII. JOSEPH<sup>5</sup> GREAVES, removed to Natick, Suffolk County, Mass.,
- IX. HESTER<sup>5</sup> GREAVES.

SAMUEL<sup>5</sup> GREAVES, son of Joseph<sup>4</sup> (Thomas,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> Henry<sup>1</sup>) and Elizabeth (Maynard) Greaves, was born at Sudbury, Massachusetts, February 14, 1667. January 1, 1716, Samuel<sup>5</sup> Greaves of Sudbury, whose wife, Anne, signed away her dower right, gave a deed of a lot at Sudbury to Joseph Moor.

His wife, Anne, whose maiden name is not learned, died at Sudbury, March 14, 1739. His estate was settled there in 1747.

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### THEY HAD CHILDREN,

- I. EZRA<sup>6</sup> GREAVES, born November 18, 1701,
- II. SAMUEL<sup>6</sup> GREAVES, born October 3, 1703,
- III. EBENEZER<sup>6</sup> GREAVES, born December 24, 1704,
- IV. JAMES<sup>6</sup> GREAVES, born February 1, 1706/7,
- V. MARY<sup>6</sup> GREAVES, born August 10, 1708,
- VI. MICAH<sup>6</sup> GREAVES, born March 21, 1710, died October 15, 1730,
- VII. THOMAS<sup>6</sup> GREAVES, born February 16, 1712,
- VIII. HANNAH<sup>6</sup> GREAVES, born —, married as his second wife, William, son of Edmund and Joyce (Russell) Rice, she died —; he married (2) Martha Rice; he died September, 1769; Hannah and William Rice had Children,
  - (1) BEULAH<sup>7</sup> RICE, born April 18, 1735,
  - (2) MICAH<sup>7</sup> RICE, born April 26, 1740,
- IX. MARY<sup>6</sup> GREAVES,
- X. ELIZABETH<sup>6</sup> GREAVES, who married March 25, 1723, at Sudbury, Peter King of Worcester, Mass.; they had Children,
  - (1) ELIZABETH<sup>7</sup> KING, born June 22, 1725,
  - (2) ABIGAIL<sup>7</sup> KING, born April 20, 1728,
  - (3) EBENEZER<sup>7</sup> KING, born January 26, 1729/30.

RICHARD<sup>5</sup> GREAVES, son of Joseph<sup>4</sup> (Thomas,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> Henry<sup>1</sup>) and Elizabeth (Maynard) Greaves, was born April 7, 1672. Remaining at Sudbury, he married, before 1700, Johanna, who died there July 18, 1727.

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- I. RICHARD<sup>6</sup> GREAVES, born September 9, —,
- II. JONATHAN<sup>6</sup> GREAVES, born April 5, 1701, married February 17, 1738/9, Susannah Graham,
- III. KETURAH<sup>6</sup> GREAVES, born April 30, 1703, married at Stow, Mass., in 1734, Josiah Pratt, who died May 21, 1759; they had Children,
  - (1) SAMUEL<sup>7</sup> PRATT, born April 25, 1735,
  - (2) JOSIAH<sup>7</sup> PRATT, born August 17, 1737,
  - (3) JAMES<sup>7</sup> PRATT, born March 17, 1739,
  - (4) SARAH<sup>7</sup> PRATT, born August 18, 1742,
- IV. LIBBEUS<sup>6</sup> GREAVES, born June 22, 1705, married October 14, 1730, Amity Whitney,
- V. JOANNA<sup>6</sup> GREAVES, born November 22, 1707,
- VI. ABIGAIL<sup>6</sup> GREAVES, born April 22, 1714, married at Marlboro', Mass., March 28, 1737, Josiah Wright of Wilmington, Mass.; they had Children born at Marlboro', Mass.,
  - (1) ABIGAIL<sup>7</sup> WRIGHT, born January 28, 1737/8,
  - (2) PHEBE<sup>7</sup> WRIGHT, born November, 1739,
  - (3) RUTH<sup>7</sup> WRIGHT, born October, 1742,
  - (4) LYDIA<sup>7</sup> WRIGHT, born October 18, 1744,
  - (5) JOSIAH<sup>7</sup> WRIGHT, born January 4, 1747,
  - (6) JONATHAN<sup>7</sup> WRIGHT, born July 30, 1749,
  - (7) JOHN<sup>7</sup> WRIGHT, born June 29, 1756,
- VII. JOSIAH<sup>6</sup> GREAVES, born February 17, 1716,
- VIII. MARY<sup>6</sup> GREAVES, born April 2, 1719.

JOHN<sup>5</sup> GREAVES, son of Joseph<sup>4</sup> (Thomas,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> Henry<sup>1</sup>) and Elizabeth (Maynard) Greaves, was born in Sudbury, but of this there

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is no record. With his brother, Joseph, he joined in giving a deed of land at Natick, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, whither he removed.

He married at Sudbury, October 10, 1710, Mary, daughter of John and Sarah Loker. She was born at Sudbury, October 22, 1676.

### CHILDREN BORN AT SUDBURY,

- I. MARIAN<sup>6</sup> GREAVES, born January 19, 1711,
- II. MARY<sup>6</sup> GREAVES, born July 18, 1714, married Cornelius, son of Samuel and Mary (Gleason) Bigelow, who was born November 24, 1710; they resided at Watertown, Marlboro', and Westboro', Mass.; they had Children,
  - (1) CORNELIUS<sup>7</sup> BIGELOW, born December 30, 1732,
  - (2) MARY<sup>7</sup> BIGELOW, born June 23, 1734,
  - (3) BETTY<sup>7</sup> BIGELOW, born August 12, 1735,
  - (4) SARAH<sup>7</sup> BIGELOW, born March 7, 1737,
  - (5) PAUL<sup>7</sup> BIGELOW, born March 7, 1739, died in 1739,
  - (6) PAUL<sup>7</sup> BIGELOW, born January 2, 1741,
  - (7) NOAH<sup>7</sup> BIGELOW, born September 9, 1742,
  - (8) RUTH<sup>7</sup> BIGELOW, born December 16, 1744,
  - (9) EUNICE<sup>7</sup> BIGELOW, born October 6, 1750, d. y.,
  - (10) JOHN<sup>7</sup> BIGELOW, born April 17, 1753,
- III. JOHN<sup>6</sup> GREAVES, born January 27, 1719/20.

JAMES<sup>6</sup> GREAVES, son of Samuel<sup>5</sup> (Joseph,<sup>4</sup> Thomas,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> Henry<sup>1</sup>) and Anne Greaves, was born at Sudbury, Middlesex County, Massachu-

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setts, February 1, 1707. In all his deeds he signs as a blacksmith, while his brother, Samuel,<sup>6</sup> gave his occupation as that of a trader. In 1743 Samuel<sup>6</sup> Greaves sold his ship timber to his brother Thomas.<sup>6</sup> In the same year Samuel gave a deed to his brother, James,<sup>6</sup> of his ship timber and goods at Marlboro', Stow, Sudbury, and Weston, with all the goods lying at his house at Sudbury. January 31, 1731/2, Samuel<sup>6</sup> administered the estate of their brother, Ebenezer,<sup>6</sup> then styled "Captain Ebenezer," whilom of Boston, where his will was drawn May 11, 1719. In that he styled himself as a mariner; mentioned his wife, Sarah, to whom he bequeathed one full half of his estate, the other to his son, Samuel,<sup>7</sup> and other children. The heirs' receipt of this brother were Ezra, James, Thomas, Hannah, Mary Greaves, and Peter King, alias Rice, in behalf of his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth (Greaves) King.

In 1731 James<sup>6</sup> Greaves, blacksmith, of Sudbury, gave a quitclaim deed to Peter King, of land given Charles Adams by his father. In 1737 he gave a deed of a lot of land to David Baldwin. January 8, 1740, he sold to Amos Sanderson twenty acres of land in the east part of Sudbury, with eight acres bounded in part by

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land belonging to his brother, Samuel,<sup>6</sup> and by that of his other brothers, Ezra<sup>6</sup> and Thomas.<sup>6</sup>

In February, 1744, John Fisher of Needham, Massachusetts, was appointed a guardian to Elizabeth and Samuel, minor children of James Greaves of Sudbury, to receive in their behalf what of estate accrues to them in the right of Edward Smith of Needham, late deceased. September 17, 1750, James Greaves of Sudbury and Samuel Trayn of Weston were appointed as guardians to the said Elizabeth and Samuel, in place of John Fisher, who resigned his trust. In 1759 and 1760 James<sup>6</sup> Greaves, with his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Greaves, sold land to John Noyes, junior. March 15, 1762, James Greaves sold land lately belonging to Lieutenant Samuel<sup>6</sup> Greaves which had been a grant from the proprietors of Sudbury. This marks the time of one of the latest deeds given by James<sup>6</sup> and his wife, Elizabeth.

James<sup>6</sup> Greaves married Elizabeth, daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth (Wadkins) Smith. She was born at Needham, Massachusetts, November 11, 1719.

### THEY HAD CHILDREN,

- I. ELIZABETH<sup>7</sup> (always called Betsey), born at Sudbury, May 16, 1741, married Daniel Lawrence,

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- II. SAMUEL<sup>7</sup> GREAVES, born August 29, 1743, married May 19, 1763, Mary Farrar,
- III. MICAH<sup>7</sup> GREAVES, born April 2, 1748, married July 17, 1777, Abigail Rice,
- IV. LUCY<sup>7</sup> GREAVES, born October 26, 1750,
- V. OLIVE<sup>7</sup> GREAVES, born December 27, 1752,
- VI. MARY<sup>7</sup> GREAVES, born November 12, 1755.



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BANFIELD CAPRON	=	ELIZABETH BLACKINGTON
JOSEPH CAPRON	=	JUDITH PECK
AMY CAPRON	=	JOHN STARKEY

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COMING from the Norman French, the surname Caperoune has been modified into the English Capron and signifies "hood." Many families of this name survive in the northern districts of France, whence, when William the Norman started on his invasion of England, a band of these same Caperounes embarked with his hordes, who, in the battle of Hastings in 1066, were distinguished from the other soldiers by the hoods which were attached to their coats and served to separate them from the barbarians in their midst.

After the victory they received large grants of land thereabouts and there established themselves, remaining for several generations. At some indefinite period after this, families bearing this surname crossed the Atlantic, and one of the earliest records of it is on a tombstone found in a deserted graveyard at Erie, Pennsylvania, which stone is still standing in a more or

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less perfect condition, the name being distinct. There is a saying that a family of this cognomen came with the French when they built Fort Duquesne and worked with them, but the descendants have passed from the memory of man.

The first of this name was Banfield<sup>1</sup> Capron. From an immediate descendant comes the tradition that, when he was a mere lad of about fourteen, still attending school, with three of his chums he secretly planned a start for the distant shores of New England, where they could become rich. As soon as they found a vessel about to sail for New England, "the night before she was to sail they smuggled themselves aboard with what scanty provisions they could garner" and hid until the ship was well under way. Another story was that he came as a cabin boy. The town whence these adventurous lads started has never been identified, but, as it was known to have been in the northern part of England, very near the boundaries of Wales, the suggestion is that Chester must have been the most feasible port.

Where they were landed or where Banfield<sup>1</sup> Capron passed the earliest years here, he did not report, his earliest known residence being in that part of Swansea, Bristol County, Massachu-

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setts, which was, later, incorporated as Barrington, a town lying on the Rhode Island border. Not long after his settlement there, the family of John Callender, with whom he had been on intimate terms at home, came to Attleboro', Bristol County, Massachusetts. "They were a very respectable family, in affluent circumstances," with whom he renewed his acquaintance and speedily married one of the daughters, Elizabeth. In his middle life he is described as "a man of medium stature, well built, with blue eyes and a light complexion, evidently wholly English in his personal appearance."

As his children increased in number and the craving for more land grew stronger with him, he sold the farm which he is said to have owned for more than twenty years in Barrington so that he could "move back unto the woods, where he could obtain a much greater number of acres," and settled in what is now the busy, thriving town of Attleboro', Bristol County, Massachusetts.

When and where his first wife, Elizabeth (Callender) Capron, died, he did not record. He married (2) at Attleboro', Elizabeth, daughter of Pentecost Blackington from Marblehead, Massachusetts. She died May 10, 1735. He

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married (3) Mrs. Sarah Norton, the widow of John Daggett (Doggett) of Attleboro'. He died there August 20, 1752. It was said that, before his death, he gave each of his children a farm of two hundred acres.

### HE HAD CHILDREN (SAID TO HAVE ALL BEEN BY THE FIRST WIFE),

I. BANFIELD<sup>2</sup> CAPRON, born in 1682/3, settled at Bellingham, Mass., married (1) Hannah, daughter of Major Nathaniel and Hannah (Bosworth) Jenckes of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, she died —; he married (2) in Bellingham, Mass., February 2, 1744/5, Sarah Brown. He had children by his first wife,

- (1) PHILLIP<sup>3</sup> CAPRON, born February 1, 1719/20,
- (2) LEAH<sup>3</sup> CAPRON, born March 10, 1722,
- (3) BENJAMIN<sup>3</sup> CAPRON, born June 20, 1724,

II. BETSEY<sup>2</sup> (ELIZABETH) CAPRON, born October 22, 1684, married John, son of Joseph and Hannah (Fitch) Brown, and a grandson of John Brown, who was one of the first assistants at Plymouth, Mass.; he was born March 13, 1685; they had Children, born at Attleboro',

- (1) JOSEPH<sup>3</sup> BROWN, born June 6, 1712, died May 7, 1713,
- (2) JOHN<sup>3</sup> BROWN, born October 9, 1714,
- (3) ELIZABETH<sup>3</sup> BROWN, born December 13, 1716,
- (4) JOSEPH<sup>3</sup> BROWN, born July 17, 1719,
- (5) MARGARET<sup>3</sup> BROWN, born March 6, 1721,
- (6) ELNATHAN<sup>3</sup> BROWN (twin), born March 6, 1721,

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- (7) PHILIP<sup>3</sup> BROWN, born July 6, 1724,  
(8) ABIAH<sup>3</sup> BROWN, born March 26, 1726,
- III. (CAPTAIN) JOSEPH<sup>2</sup> CAPRON, born about 1686,  
married (1) Judith Peck; married (2) Bethiah  
Burt; married (3) Mary French,
- IV. EDWARD<sup>2</sup> CAPRON, who married and settled in  
West Greenwich, Rhode Island,
- V. WALTER<sup>2</sup> CAPRON, who married and settled in  
Groton, Connecticut,
- VI. JOHN<sup>2</sup> CAPRON, a seafaring man, who married  
and settled in Cumberland,
- VII. JONATHAN<sup>2</sup> CAPRON, born March 11, 1705, mar-  
ried (1), publishing his marriage intention  
March 25, 1727, Rebecca Morse of Attleboro';  
she died; he married (2) May 20, 1773, Abigail  
Robinson; Children by the first wife,
- (1) BENJAMIN<sup>3</sup> CAPRON, born May 3, 1728,  
(2) ELIZABETH<sup>3</sup> CAPRON, born September 16, 173 (0?)  
(3) JONATHAN<sup>3</sup> CAPRON, born March 10, 1732,  
(4) REBECCA<sup>3</sup> CAPRON, born September 1, 1734, married  
in 1755, Thomas Starkey,  
(5) ELISHA<sup>3</sup> CAPRON, born July 19, 1737,  
(6) MARGARET<sup>3</sup> CAPRON, born June 1, 1741,  
(7) COMFORT<sup>3</sup> CAPRON, born September 18, 1743,  
(8) HANNAH<sup>3</sup> CAPRON, born March 15, 1746,  
(9) MOLLY<sup>3</sup> CAPRON, born December 12, 1749,
- VIII. MARY<sup>2</sup> CAPRON, married December 19, 1717,  
Samuel, son of Samuel and Hannah Tyler; he  
was born in Mendon, Mass., in 1695, died there  
May 17, 1759, in his 64th year; she died July 6,  
1780, in her 84th year; they had Children,

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- (1) MARY<sup>3</sup> TYLER, born January 29, 1718, died in 1724,
- (2) SAMUEL<sup>3</sup> TYLER, born May 20, 1720, died in 1724,
- (3) MOSES<sup>3</sup> TYLER, born May 4, 1722,
- (4) SAMUEL<sup>3</sup> TYLER, born August 12, 17—,
- (5) MARY<sup>3</sup> TYLER, born March 6,
- (6) NATHAN<sup>3</sup> TYLER, born June 24, 1729,
- (7) HULDAH<sup>3</sup> TYLER, born November 11, 1733,
- (8) HABIJAH<sup>3</sup> TYLER, born May 7, 1735,
- (9) ELIZABETH<sup>3</sup> TYLER (twin), born May 7, 1735,
- (10) (CAPTAIN) EBENEZER<sup>3</sup> TYLER, born March 25, 1740,
- (11) BENJAMIN<sup>3</sup> TYLER, who died young,

IX. HANNAH<sup>2</sup> CAPRON, who married, 1710, David Aldrich, born May 23, 1685; she died February 17, 1732; they had Children,

- (1) DAVID<sup>3</sup> ALDRICH, born July 6, 1711,
- (2) EDWARD<sup>3</sup> ALDRICH, born September 7, 1713,
- (3) ELIZABETH<sup>3</sup> ALDRICH, born December 20, 1715,
- (4) JONATHAN<sup>3</sup> ALDRICH, born April 21, 1717, died young,
- (5) PETER<sup>3</sup> ALDRICH, born March 19, 1719,
- (6) JONATHAN<sup>3</sup> ALDRICH, born August 3, 1721,
- (7) MARGARET<sup>3</sup> ALDRICH, born April 25, 1723,
- (8) ABNER<sup>3</sup> ALDRICH, born November 17, 1727,
- (9) LEVI<sup>3</sup> ALDRICH, born December 19, 1729,
- (10) ICHABOD<sup>3</sup> ALDRICH, born February 5, 1732.

CAPTAIN JOSEPH<sup>2</sup> CAPRON was born at Attleboro' about the year 1686 and remained in his native town. He married (1) June 3, 1714, Judith Peck. She was born in 1690, died March 14, 1734, and was buried in the Jonathan Peck graveyard. He married (2) February 14, 1735, Bethia Burt. She died May 18, 1753.

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He married (3) November 12, 1753, Mary French. She died November 21, 1783, in her eighty-third year. He died October 14, 1776.

### CHILDREN BY THE FIRST WIFE,

- I. AMY<sup>3</sup> CAPRON, born July 15, 1715, married November 9, 1734, John Starkey,
- II. DIADAMIA<sup>3</sup> CAPRON, born July 6, 1718, married June 3, 1741, Benaiah Barrows,
- III. JUDITH<sup>3</sup> CAPRON, born April 8, 1720, died young,
- IV. JOSEPH<sup>3</sup> CAPRON, born November 1, 1722, married (1) Sarah Robinson; married (2) Sarah Foster,
- V. RHODA<sup>3</sup> CAPRON, born November 21, 1725,

### CHILDREN BY THE SECOND WIFE,

- VI. JUDITH<sup>3</sup> CAPRON, born May 19, 1737, married Caleb Eddy,
- VII. HEZEKIAH<sup>3</sup> CAPRON, born April 18, 1739,
- VIII. EBENEZER<sup>3</sup> CAPRON, born and died in 1740,
- IX. ELIJAH<sup>3</sup> CAPRON, born June 27, 1742.

## THE BLACKINGTON TABLE

PENTECOST BLACKINGTON	=	(1) ANN BARRETT (2) MARY FICKETT
PENTECOST BLACKINGTON	=	REBECCA FICKETT
GEORGE BLACKINGTON	=	MARY DAY
BETTY BLACKINGTON	=	ENOCH STARKEY
GEORGE STARKEY	=	BETSEY GRAVES (GREAVES)
CLARISSA LAWRENCE STARKEY	=	THOMAS CRANE
ALBERT CRANE	=	(1) ELLEN MANSFIELD DAVIES (2) FANNY STARKEY

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PENTECOST<sup>1</sup> BLACKINGTON married at Marblehead, Essex County, Massachusetts, January 30, 1688/9, Ann Barrett. He was admitted a member of the First Church at Marblehead, April 2, 1699. As only members of the church could have their children baptized, it follows, as their children were all baptized as "of Ann Blackington," that the wife became a member some ten years before her husband. He owned a house, barn, and orchard on Seven Mile River in 1700; was at Marblehead until about 1707/8, where (his first wife being dead) he married (2) January 1, 1701/2, Mary (also called Mercy), widow of Peter Fickett (also written Figgett, etc.). She was Mary Bonfield when she married (1), December 9, 1681, Peter Fickett, and had a daughter, Rebecca Fickett, born October 31, 1693. This surname of Fickett was early found at

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Scarboro', Maine, where Christopher and John Fickett were settled before 1676.

As Pentecost<sup>1</sup> Blackington was an unmarried man when he first came to Marblehead, it is to be assumed that he was a young man who was led to the seacoast town by the fisheries and the trade in lumber, and so was in communication with that other town of Maine where the Ficketts had ventured.

October, 1714, Pentecost<sup>1</sup> Blackington and wife, Mercy, widow of Peter Fickett of Attleboro', Massachusetts, sold a tract of land at Marblehead. His will was drawn at Attleboro', September 23, 1715, and he died that year. As Mary, she died in Attleboro', May 14, 1738.

### THEY HAD CHILDREN,

- I. ELIZABETH<sup>2</sup> BLACKINGTON, baptized December 15, 1689,
- II. BENJAMIN<sup>2</sup> BLACKINGTON, baptized April 25, 1692; with his wife Dorcas, both of Attleboro', they gave a quitclaim for estate in Marblehead that was the dower right of his deceased mother, Mrs. Ann Blackington,
- III. PENTECOST<sup>2</sup> BLACKINGTON, baptized January 28, 1693,
- IV. MIRIAM<sup>2</sup> BLACKINGTON, baptized March 22, 1695,
- V. MARY<sup>2</sup> BLACKINGTON, baptized December 25, 1698, married Ebenezer Doggett,

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- VI. JOHN<sup>2</sup> BLACKINGTON, baptized November 28, 1699,
- VII. SARAH<sup>2</sup> BLACKINGTON, baptized March 31, 1700,
- VIII. HEPZIBAH<sup>2</sup> BLACKINGTON, born at Attleboro', December 7, 1702, who married Mathew Remington,
- IX. JOHN<sup>2</sup> BLACKINGTON, born April 5, 1705, died in 1706,
- X. PENELOPE<sup>2</sup> BLACKINGTON (twin), born April 5, 1705, died in 1706.

PENTECOST<sup>2</sup> BLACKINGTON, son of Pentecost<sup>1</sup> and Ann (Barrett) Blackington, was born at Marblehead, January, 1693; married at Marblehead his stepsister, Rebecca, daughter of Peter and Mary (Bonfield) Fickett. She was born at Marblehead, October 31, 1693. They resided at Attleboro', then returned to Marblehead. She died November 9, 1771, at Attleboro'; he died there November 16, 1744, in his fifty-second year.

### THEY HAD CHILDREN,

- I. PENTECOST<sup>3</sup> BLACKINGTON, born August 26, 1716,
- II. REBECCA<sup>3</sup> BLACKINGTON, born November 7, 1717,
- III. GEORGE<sup>3</sup> BLACKINGTON, born September, 1720,
- IV. ANN<sup>3</sup> BLACKINGTON, born March, 1722,
- V. MARY<sup>3</sup> BLACKINGTON, born March 25, 1724,
- VI. JOHN<sup>3</sup> BLACKINGTON, born February 2, 1727,
- VII. OTHNIEL<sup>3</sup> BLACKINGTON, born March 18, 1729,

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- VIII. PETER<sup>3</sup> BLACKINGTON, born September 11, 1731,  
IX. OLIVER<sup>3</sup> BLACKINGTON, born in 1734.

GEORGE<sup>3</sup> BLACKINGTON, son of Pentecost<sup>2</sup> and  
Rebecca (Fickett) Blackington, was born at  
Attleboro', Bristol County, Massachusetts, Sep-  
tember, 1720; married there, January 4, 1743/4,  
Mary, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Weeks)  
Day. She was born May 3, 1723; died February  
28, 1809, in her eighty-sixth year.

### THEY HAD CHILDREN,

- I. GEORGE<sup>4</sup> BLACKINGTON, born September 15, 1744,
- II. PENTECOST<sup>4</sup> BLACKINGTON, born September 20,  
1746,
- III. MOLLY<sup>4</sup> BLACKINGTON, born July 19, 1748,
- IV. MARY<sup>4</sup> BLACKINGTON (twin), born July 19, 1748,
- V. BETTY<sup>4</sup> BLACKINGTON, born January 3, 1751, mar-  
ried October 15, 1774, Enoch Starkey; resided  
at Richmond, New Hampshire,
- VI. SAMUEL<sup>4</sup> BLACKINGTON, born March 7, 1752,
- VII. DAVID<sup>4</sup> BLACKINGTON, born March 25, 1756,
- VIII. JOEL<sup>4</sup> BLACKINGTON, born September 27, 1763.

GEORGE<sup>5</sup> STARKEY, son of Enoch and Betsey  
(Blackington) Starkey, was born at Swanzey,  
New Hampshire, in 1775; married (1) Betsey,  
daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Graves)  
Lawrence. She was born at Troy, New Hamp-

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shire, March, 1777; died September 13, 1813. He married (2) Mrs. Hannah Smith and died at Westminster, Massachusetts, October 10, 1855.

His daughter, Clarissa Lawrence Starkey, born March 3, 1813, married Thomas Crane, born at George's Island, Boston, October 8, 1803; died at New York City, April 1, 1875. She died at New York City, April 22, 1895.

Their son, Albert Crane, born December 30, 1842, at New York City, married (1) January 22, 1884, Ellen Mansfield Davies, who died January 5, 1893. He married (2) February 10, 1902, Fanny Starkey.



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